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### OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10 San Diego	11 San Diego
12 Winnipeg	13	14	15	16	17 Denver	18
19 Winnipeg	20	21	22	23	24 Calgary	25
26 Winnipeg	27	28 Edmonton	29	30 Denver	31	

### NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						1 Minnesota
2 Cleveland	3	4	5	6	7 Houston	8 New Eng.
9 Quebec	10	11	12	13	14 Toronto	15
16 Cleveland	17	18	19	20 Edmonton	21 New Eng.	22
23	24	25	26	27 Calgary	28	29 Quebec
30 Quebec						

### DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 New Eng.	5	6 Houston
7	8	9	10 Indianapolis	11	12 Cincinnati	13 Denver
14 San Diego	15	16	17	18 Indianapolis	19	20 Houston
21 Indianapolis	22	23 Cincinnati	24	25	26 San Diego	27 Denver
28 Denver	29	30	31			

### JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1	2 Toronto	3 Quebec
4 Cleveland	5	6	7 Minnesota	8 Cincinnati	9	10 Denver
11	12	13	14	15	16 Minnesota	17 Minnesota
18	19	20 New Eng.	21	22 Toronto	23	24 Denver
25 San Diego	26	27 San Diego	28 Calgary	29	30 Cleveland	31

### FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 Cleveland	5 Edmonton	6	7 Minnesota
8 Minnesota	9	10	11	12 Houston	13	14 Minnesota
15 Edmonton	16	17	18 Winnipeg	19	20 Cincinnati	21
22 Indianapolis	23	24	25	26 Denver	27 San Diego	28
29 Calgary						

### MARCH

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Indianapolis	3	4	5 Houston	6 New Eng.
7	8	9	10 New Eng.	11	12 Toronto	13 Indianapolis
14 Cleveland	15	16	17 Houston	18	19 Denver	20
21 Houston	22	23	24 Cincinnati	25	26 San Diego	27 San Diego
28 Houston	29	30 Cincinnati	31			

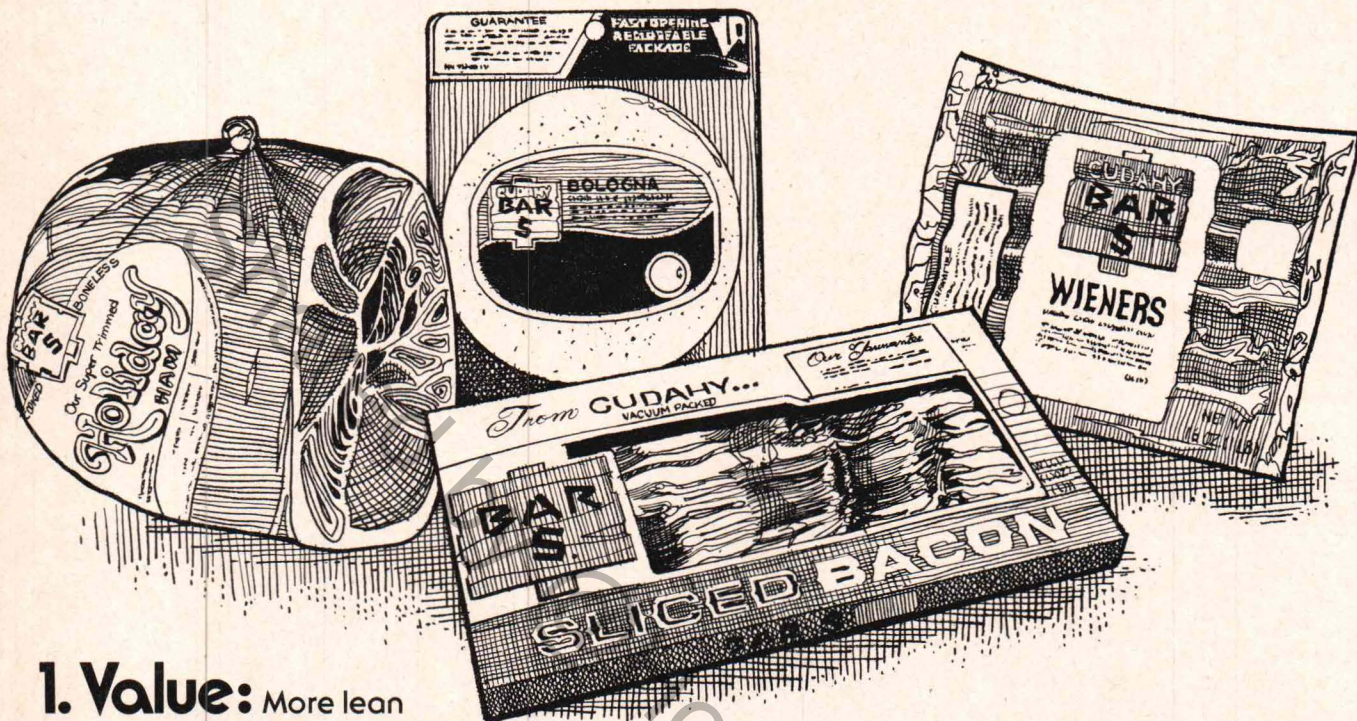
### APRIL

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 Minnesota
4 Minnesota	5	6 Houston	7	8	9	10





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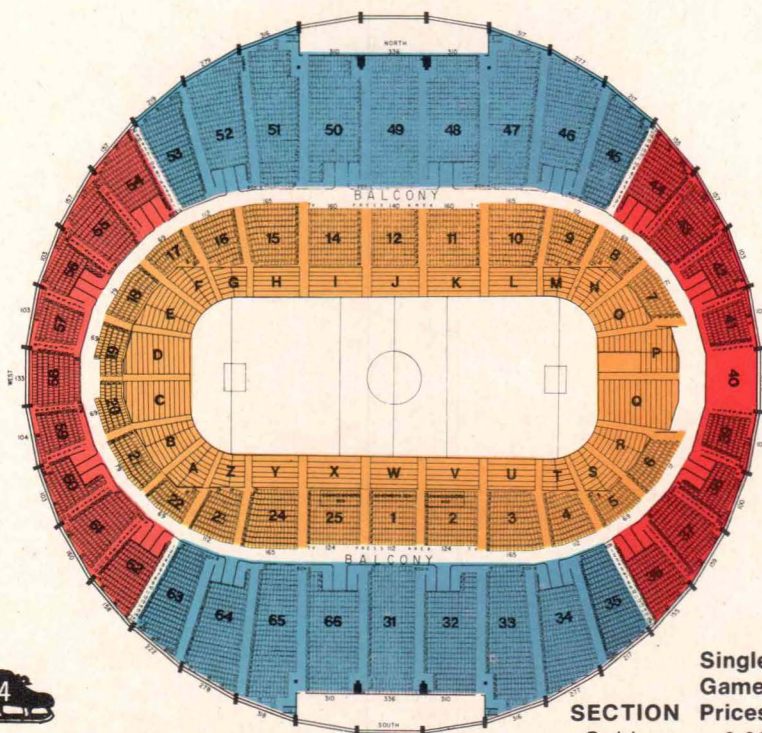


Michel Cormier scores vs. Winnipeg, Dec. 26, 1974. Record attendance: 12,621

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**Ticket Office: 258-6711**

Roadrunner tickets also available through "Select-A-Seat" at all Diamond's stores, and Valley Bank Center.



SECTION	Single Game Prices
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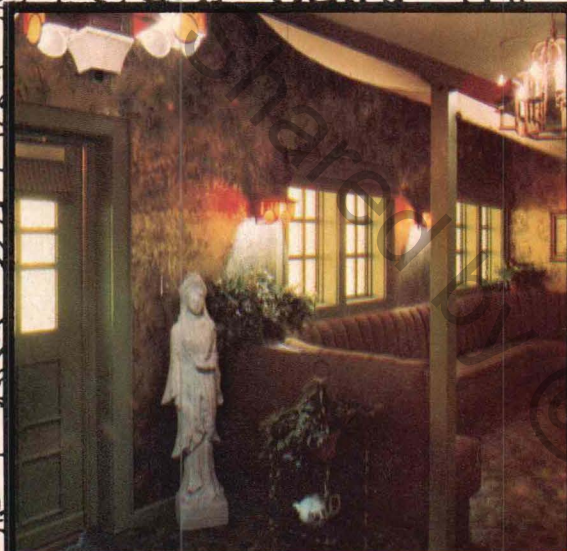
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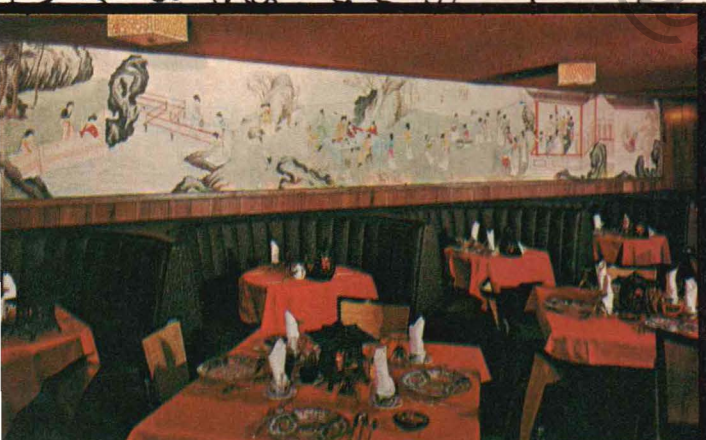




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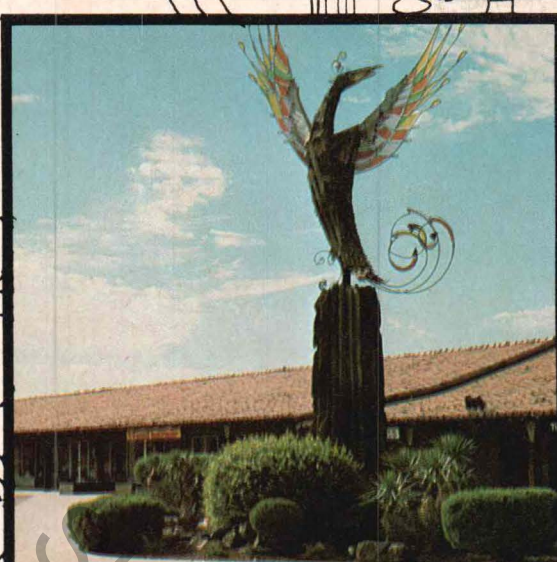
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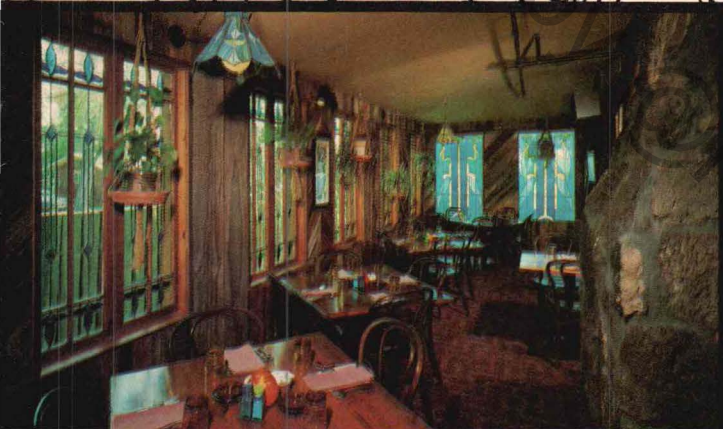




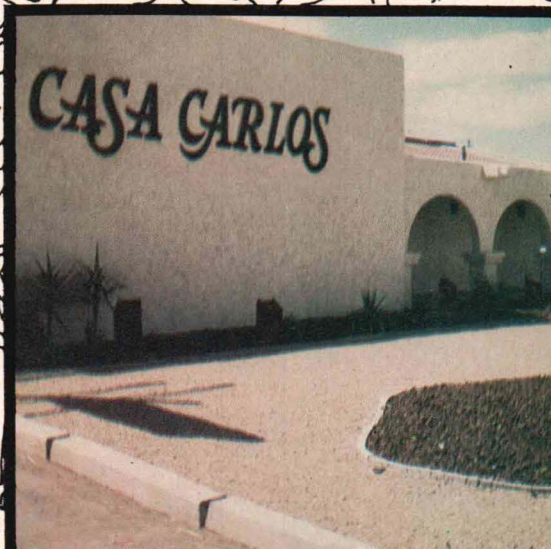
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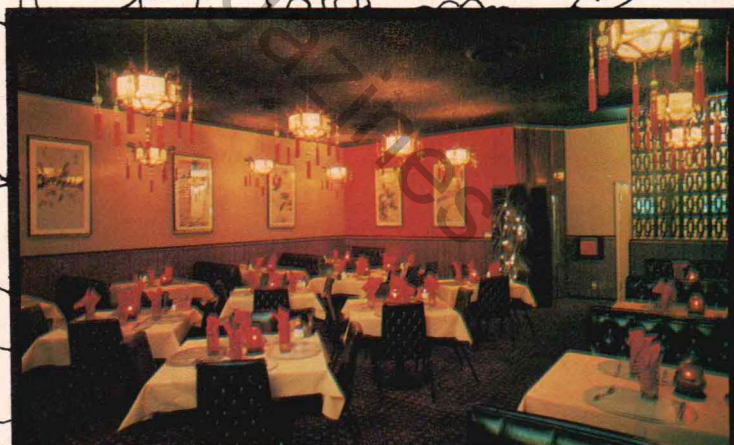
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# 1975-76 Phoenix Roadrunners Club Directory

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**DEVELOPMENT CLUB:** TUCSON MAVERICKS (CHL)

Tucson Community Center

President: Roy Jackson

Gen. Manager: Merle Miller

Coach: Adam Keller



**TONIGHT'S GAME ... Western Division Battle Followed by "Coke Shoot"**

## PEACOSH, BY GOSH, LEADS VENGEFUL MARINERS IN BID FOR FIRST SERIES VICTORY

THE SAN DIEGO MARINERS, one of the teams the Roadrunners will have to top if they are to reach playoff status for the second straight year, come to town this afternoon looking for their first victory in this year's expanded "unbalanced schedule". Last year, of course, when each club faced all others six times, three home and three away, the Runners and Mariners split, each team winning once on enemy ice. This season the Western teams meet each other nine times and five games between today's adversaries are scheduled here.

The teams have played twice before, the Runners winning the season opener here, 6-5, in a see-saw battle that had the Mariners leading at one point 4-2, and the following night, in San Diego, the Runners again came through with a victory, Del Hall accounting for the margin of victory with a pair of goals.

In the opener, Robbie Ftorek opened the scoring with the first Phoenix goal of the year, but before the opening period was over, the Mariners had taken a 2-1 lead. Phoenix knotted the count early in the second stanza but San Diego struck back for two more quick goals to take a 4-2 lead into the closing moments when Jim Boyd narrowed the deficit.

The third period was virtually all Phoenix; "Rocky" Rautakallio countered the tying goal on a powerplay blast from the left point, John Gray followed with his first goal of the season (including four pre-season games) and the Runners boosted the margin to 6-4 on J.C. Migneault's close-in effort, one that slipped under a scrambling Ernie Wakely and became the game winning goal when Gene Peacosh scored on a powerplay scramble late, his second goal of the game. Peacosh, who potted 43 last year and added seven playoff markers in 10 games, is one of those under-rated players no one notices until looking in the "agate, and then they see his scoring contributions. Usually a slow starter, Peacosh turned the actuaries

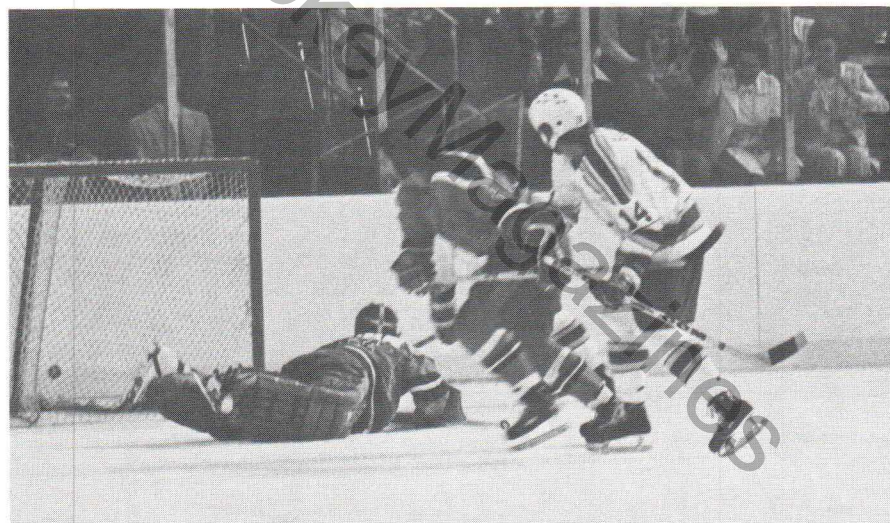
around this year with a sizzling burst from the gate, owning 16 goals at the start of this week.

Following today's game you can try to emulate Peacosh by trying your puck-shooting skills down on the ice; if you hit

the target you'll win a case of Coca-Cola in time for the busy Holiday social season, and even if you miss you'll earn a 32-ounce bottle of Coke. Let's see your sporting spirit; take a free shot and win some Coca-Cola.



*Above, Gene Peacosh bears down on Ron Huston as Phoenix powerplay effort stalled momentarily. Peacosh scored pair of goals in game, added one more following night in San Diego. Below, fans start to explode in anticipation of Roadrunner score; however, puck is actually behind net in a close miss.*



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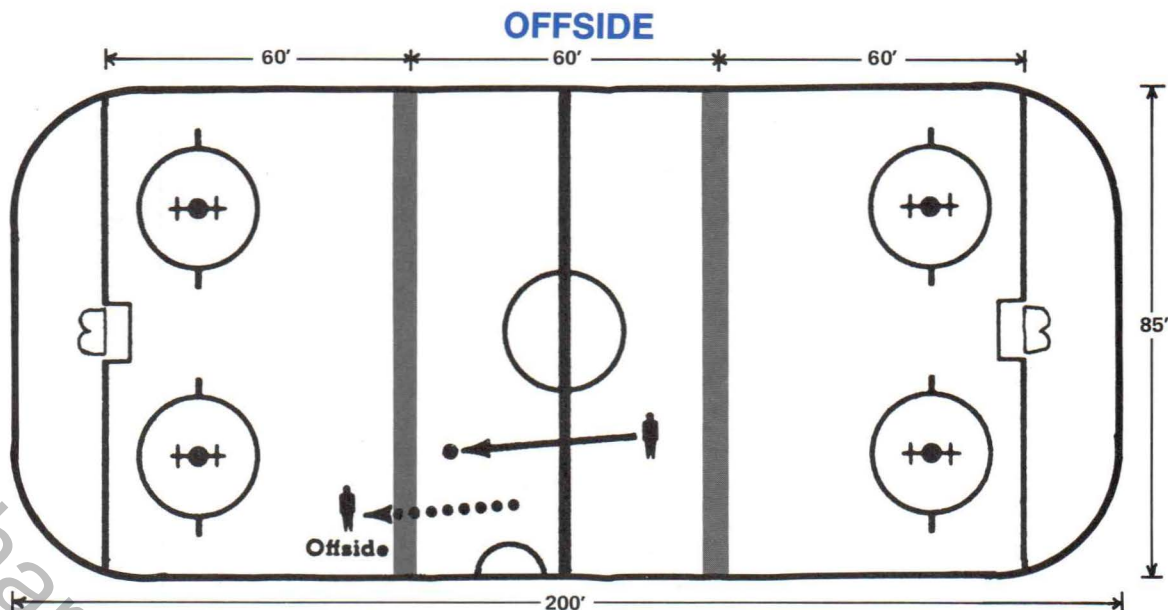
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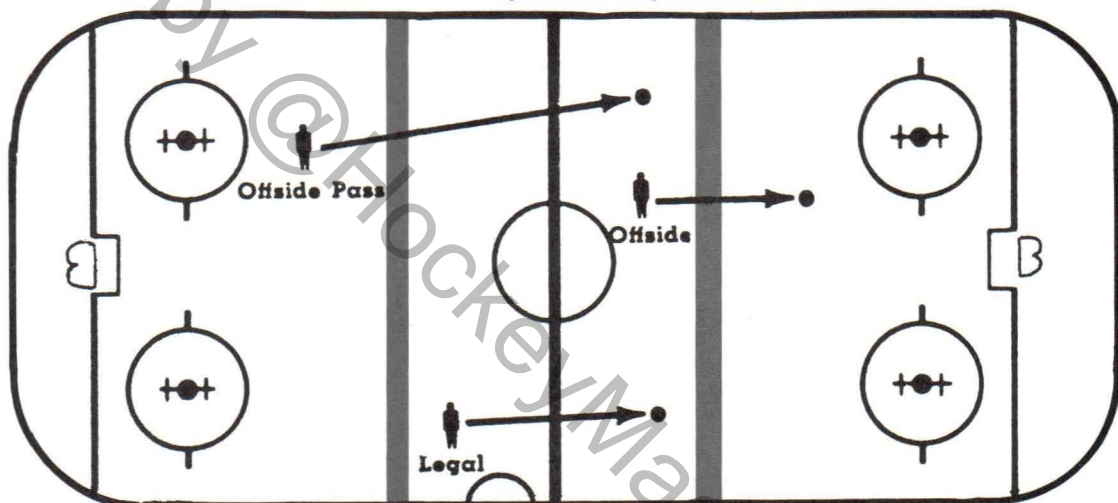


# THE CONTROLS OF HOCKEY



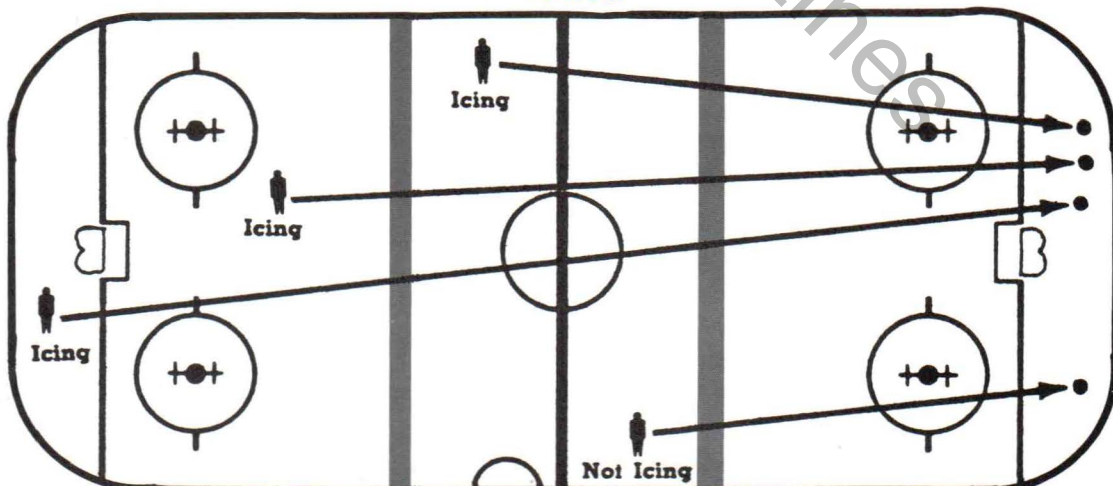
The puck must always precede the attacking players across the defender's blue line. This is the most common off-side call. A player's skates, not his stick, determine whether he is on-side or off-side. He's off-side when *both* his skates are over the line in question. Often a player straddles a line, waiting for a pass.

## OFFSIDE ("2-LINE") PASS



The offensive team is restricted on its passes as it moves up the ice. A player in his own zone (where the goal he's defending is located) can pass across the first blue line and up to the red line. If he's in the neutral zone, he can pass over the red line but not over his opponent's (or second) blue line.

## ICING



"Icing the puck" is a time-killing maneuver. When a defending team is under pressure, it may — if it captures the puck — shoot aimlessly the length of the rink. This produces a face-off near the guilty team's goal, which can be trouble. Icing occurs only when both teams have the same number of players in the game.



# WHA RULE DIFFERENCES AND RULE CHANGES

**OVERTIME IN CASE OF TIE . . .** Unlike the NHL where many ties occur during the season, the WHA teams engage in a "sudden-death" 10-minute overtime period of play if the score is tied after 60 minutes of regulation action. The first team to score in overtime is the winner (collecting two points in the standings, the loser no points). If no goal is scored in the overtime period, a tie game results. (Last season the Roadrunners established new WHA record by playing 16 overtime games, winning two, losing six, tying eight.)

**REDLINE PASS . . .** If the puck precedes the attacking player over the center red line, he will be legally on-side and eligible to pick up the puck anywhere past the center line in the attacking end. This makes for long clearing passes and fast breakaways.

**CURVATURE OF BLADE . . .** The NHL permits only a 1/2-inch curve of the blade of the hockey stick; in the WHA the maximum curve is 1 1/4 inches.

## NEW WHA RULES FOR 1975-76

There are three new rules in the WHA this year:

1. Rule 61-C has to do with icing the puck while shorthanded. Formerly the shorthanded team had to work the puck *out of its defensive zone* prior to shooting it the length of the ice, otherwise icing would be called. *The new rule, coinciding with the NHL rule, allows a team playing below numerical strength of the opposing team to ice the puck with no stoppage of play.*
2. Rule 54-D has to do with the "third-man" rule. Formerly the third man in any altercation received a 10-minute misconduct automatically. The new rule gives the referee the option of issuing *no penalty*, a *two-minute minor penalty*, a *five-minute major penalty* or a *10-minute misconduct*.
3. Rule 49-A has to do with Deliberate Injury of Players. The new rule adds that *any player wearing tape or any other material on his hands who cuts or injures an opponent during an altercation shall receive a match penalty.*

## PHOENIX FINAL 1974-75 REGULAR SEASON SCORING (COMPLETE)

Player	Gm.	G	A	TP	Pim		
Dennis Sobchuk	78	32	45	77	36		
Michel Cormier	78	36	38	74	26		
Jim Boyd	76	26	40	70	18		
John Gray	75	35	33	68	107		
Robbie Ftorek	52	31	37	68	29		
Murray Keogan	78	35	29	64	68		
Don Borgeon	74	29	28	57	38		
Gerry Odrowski	77	5	38	43	77		
Pete McNamee (Phoenix)	55	9	19	28	79		
(Season)	65	11	20	31	92		
John Hughes	72	4	25	29	201		
Cam Connor	57	9	19	28	168		
Jim Niekamp	71	2	26	28	66		
Bob Barlow	50	6	20	26	8		
Hugh Harris	22	10	10	20	15		
John Migneault (Phoenix)	46	6	13	19	14		
(Season)	60	10	15	25	14		
Wendell Bennett	67	4	15	19	92		
Al McLeod	77	3	16	19	96		
Bob Mowat	53	9	10	19	34		
Mike Stevens	70	2	16	18	69		
Howie Young	30	3	12	15	44		
Dave Gorman	13	3	5	8	10		
Rick Newell	25	0	4	4	39		
Gary Kurt	47	0	2	2	4		
Gene Sobchuk	3	1	0	1	0		
Garry Lariviere	4	0	1	1	28		
Jack Norris	33	0	1	1	2		
Goalies	Gm.	Min.	Ga.	Eng.	So.	Avg.	WLT
Gary Kurt	47	2841	156	1	2	3.29	25-16-4
Jack Norris	33	1962	107	1	1	3.27	14-15-4

## WHA REFEREES AND LINESMEN

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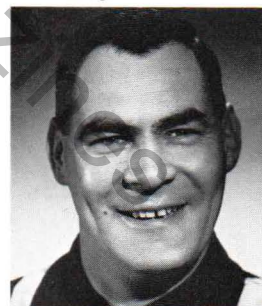
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# Top WHA Scorers

Sunday, Dec. 7, 1975

## WHA STANDINGS

Through Tuesday, December 9, 1975

Western Division	GP	W	L	T	Pts.	GF	GA
Houston	25	16	9	0	32	103	91
Minnesota	22	12	9	1	25	80	83
San Diego	23	10	11	2	22	89	79
Phoenix	23	9	11	3	21	74	94
Denver	26	10	15	1	21	88	103

### Eastern Division

Cincinnati	26	12	14	0	24	102	125
Indianapolis	23	11	12	0	22	80	73
New England	26	10	15	1	21	77	84
Cleveland	25	9	14	2	20	83	95

### Canadian Division

Winnipeg	28	19	9	0	38	113	69
Quebec	29	18	10	1	37	117	100
Calgary	26	15	10	1	31	100	83
Edmonton	29	11	16	2	24	105	122
Toronto	25	8	15	2	18	112	122

Player, Team	Gm.	G	A	Pts.	Pim.
1. Tardif, Que	28	23	21	44	19
2. Bordeleau, Que	28	10	33	43	14
3. Hull, Wpg	28	17	25	42	10
4. Nilsson, Wpg.	28	14	28	42	10
5. Hedberg, Wpg	28	20	17	37	15
6. Houle, Que	28	18	18	36	21
7. Bernier, Que	25	13	23	36	6
8. Nedomansky, Tor	24	23	12	35	6
9. Cloutier, Que	27	20	13	33	11
10. Ullman, Edm	29	8	25	33	10
11. Lacroix, SD	23	8	24	32	24
12. Lawson, Calg	25	14	16	30	23
13. Ftorek, Phx.	23	12	17	29	28
Backstrom, Den	25	11	18	29	8
Tremblay, Que	28	3	26	29	0
16. Patenaude, Edm	29	17	11	28	32
Larose, Cin	25	16	12	28	9
Webster, NE	21	11	17	28	9
Carleton, NE	26	11	17	28	2
20. Peacosh, SD	23	16	11	27	13

### Top Goalies

Player, Team	Gm.	Min.	GA	Avg.	W-L-T
Daley, Wpg	21	1225	44	2.16	14-6-0
Abrahamsson, N	15	908	45	2.97	6-9-0
McLeod, Calg	22	1291	68	3.16	10-10-1
Brodeur, Que	24	1411	76	3.23	17-7-0
Garrett, Minn	17	1042	57	3.28	9-7-1
Clevers, Clev	17	941	52	3.32	7-8-1
Wakely, SD	21	1150	64	3.34	10-9-1
Grahame, Hou	20	1151	65	3.39	17-7-0
Brown, Ind	13	780	46	3.54	7-6-0

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## DEFENSEMAN AL McLEOD

By JOE DAGGETT



SOME TIME, say ten or a dozen years from now when his playing days are over, one of hockey's general managers might be well advised to talk to Al McLeod about a front office job. Now, McLeod might not be interested, but it would certainly be worth a try. With the education he's got (a B.A. in Business and Marketing from Michigan Tech) and is continuing to get (graduate courses at Arizona State), plus an appealing personality, a demonstrated capacity for dedicated hard work and a good knowledge of the game, he'd undoubtedly be an asset in anybody's hockey organization. And if he related to the front office work as he does to the team as a player, he'd be a heckuva company man.

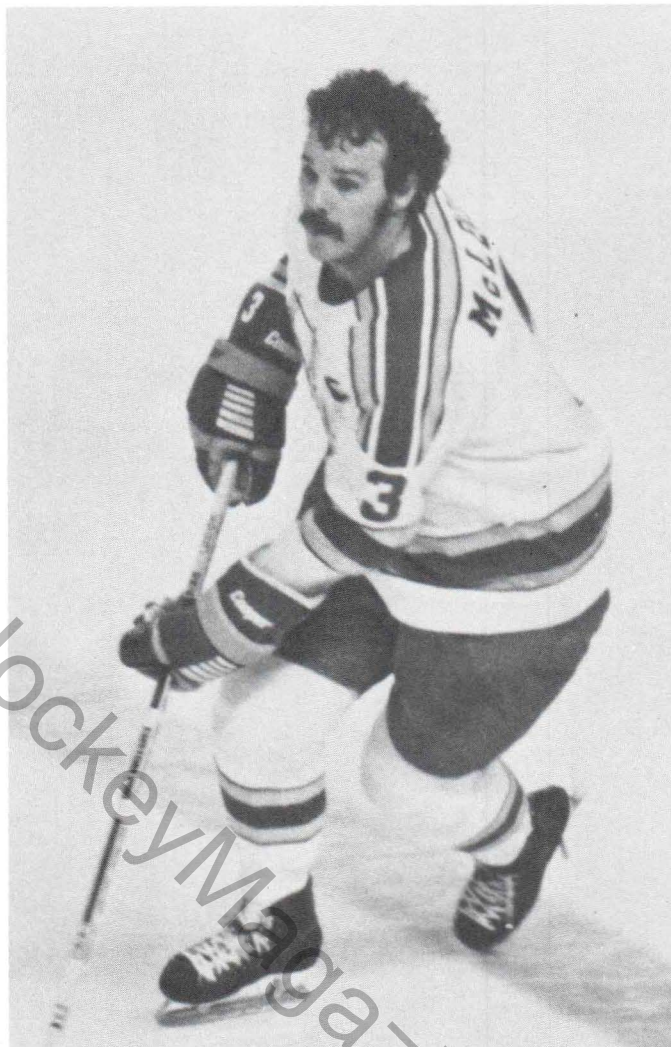
In an age of rampant athletic egocentrism, McLeod is sadly out of step with today's trend in pronouns: to him, in matters relating to the Runners, it's always "we," not "I". Extremely cooperative with reporters, he yet poses a problem for them. You ask him questions about his play and the answer nearly always comes out as a statement about how his play relates to the team or how the team in general is doing.

McLeod and Phoenix Coach Sandy Hucul may have been made for each other. McLeod's not flashy or colorful or inclined to brawl. His satisfaction in the game comes from contributing to his team's success with workmanlike positional play and an exceptional ability to handle the puck and move it out of his defensive zone. And that's exactly what Hucul wants.

As McLeod puts it, "The key word for Sandy is discipline. He gets the maximum out of a group of players by insisting they stick to their positions and all follow his system. And it works. I've seen it happen time and time again that a disciplined team can defeat another club that may have superior personnel, but doesn't play together. We had a great season last year because this team's management did a good job of getting the players and then Sandy molded them all into the system."

The Hucul system, among other things, calls for defensemen to refrain from rushing the puck into the other team's end, a structure McLeod has no trouble complying with. It isn't that he's not capable of approaching the other team's net: he was a forward in college, in fact. But in general, McLeod feels, with Hucul, that a defenseman's job is to defend. This he did well last year, ending up a plus-12 in goals for and against and being voted the Roadrunners' Most Valuable Defenseman and Unsung Hero by his teammates at season's end. His three goals last season were one fewer than his professional career high recorded at Tidewater of the AHL in 1972-73.

McLeod actually came into his own as a professional the year before last. Called up by Detroit of the NHL at mid-season, he played regularly and well for the Red Wings the rest of the year and was told that he figured in their future plans, a continuing and perpetual rebuilding program. But while he was not unhappy with the Red Wings, Detroit as a place to live and spend his career had little appeal. So an early-summer conversation with Roadrunner Coach Sandy Hucul and President Bill MacFarland led to his signing on the new Phoenix entry in the WHA.



McLeod and his wife, Ruth — whom he met while both were students at Michigan Tech — are now year-round Valley residents. Al passed last summer in a post-graduate marketing research project at ASU . . . and spent a lot of time in a local gymnasium in an exercise program that helped him add some muscle to an already-sturdy 5-foot 11-inch frame. "I'm going to be playing heavier than I did last year," says McLeod, "but I feel good at the new weight. I'm a lot stronger in the upper body than I was, and I think that'll help me."

Roadrunner officials agree, both as to this season and the future. They don't feel McLeod will be ready for a job in their — or anybody's — front office for a long time to come.

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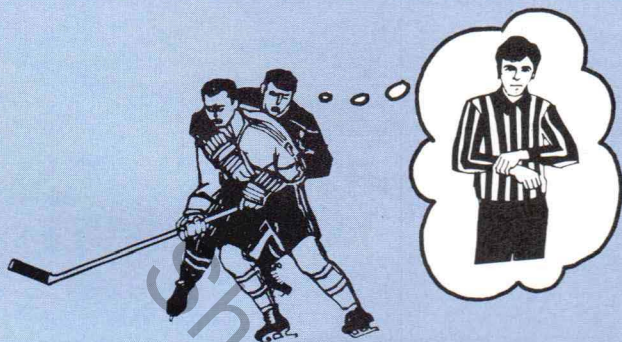
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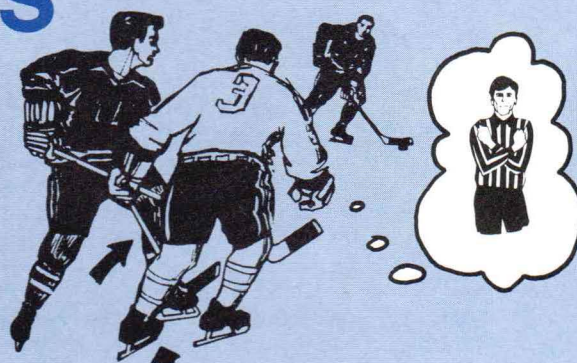




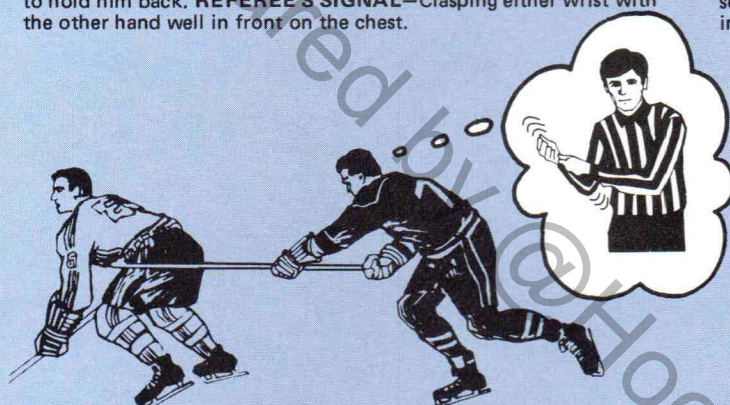
# MOST FREQUENTLY CALLED MINOR PENALTIES



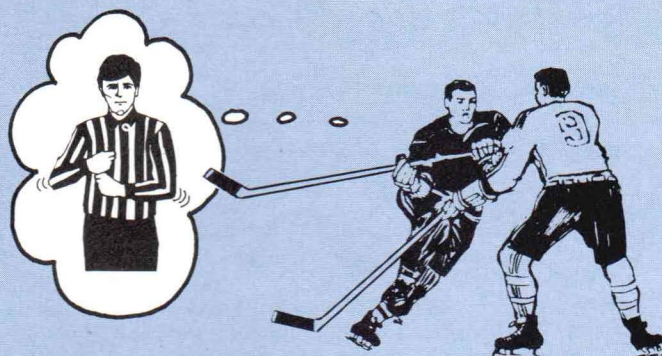
**HOLDING**—Grabbing or wrapping arms and stick around opponent to hold him back. **REFEREE'S SIGNAL**—Clasping either wrist with the other hand well in front on the chest.



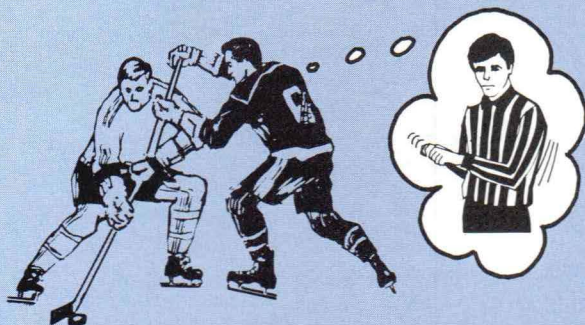
**INTERFERENCE**—Impeding the movement of a player not in possession of the puck. **REFEREE'S SIGNAL**—Crossed arms stationary in front of the chest.



**HOOKING**—Impeding opponent by hooking him with curved blade of stick. **REFEREE'S SIGNAL**—A series of tugging motions with both arms, as if pulling something toward stomach.



**CHARGING**—A deliberate move of over two steps to run or jump into an opposing player. (Major penalty for inflicting injury.) **REFEREE'S SIGNAL**—Rotating clenched fists around one another in front of chest.



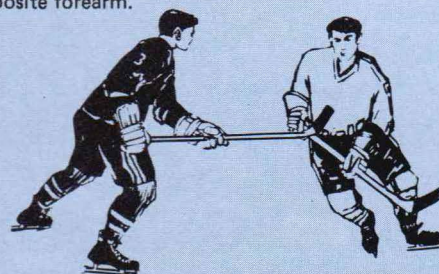
**CROSS-CHECKING**—A stick check delivered with both hands on the stick and no part of the stick on the ice. (Major penalty for inflicting injury.) **REFEREE'S SIGNAL**—A series of forward and backward motions with both fists clenched extending from chest.



**SLASHING**—Swinging stick in slashing motion to harass or impede opponent. (Major penalty for inflicting injury.) **REFEREE'S SIGNAL**—A series of chopping motions with the edge of one hand across the opposite forearm.

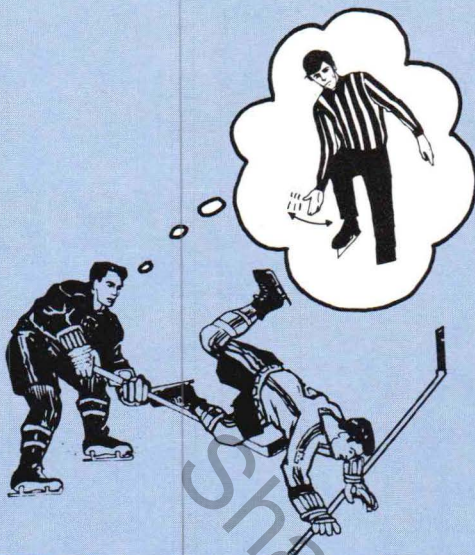


**HIGH STICKING**—Checking opponent with stick above normal height of shoulder. (Major penalty for inflicting injury.) **REFEREE'S SIGNAL**—Hold both fists, clenched, one immediately above the other, at height of forearm.



**SPEARING**—Thrusting stick at opponent in bayonet fashion, whether contact is made or not. (Major penalty for inflicting injury.)





**TRIPPING**—Causing opponent to trip or fall by use of stick, knee, foot, arm, hand or elbow. **REFEREE'S SIGNAL**—Extending right leg forward, clear of ice, and striking it with right below the knee.



**ELBOWING AND KNEEING**—Use of elbow or knee to impede or foul opponent. **REFEREE'S SIGNAL**—Tapping either elbow with the opposite hand.



**BOARDING**—Violently thrusting an opponent into the boards by body-checking, cross-checking, elbowing or tripping. (Major penalty for inflicting injury.) **REFEREE'S SIGNAL**—Pounding the closed fist of one hand into the open palm of the other hand.



**MISCONDUCT**



**ICING**

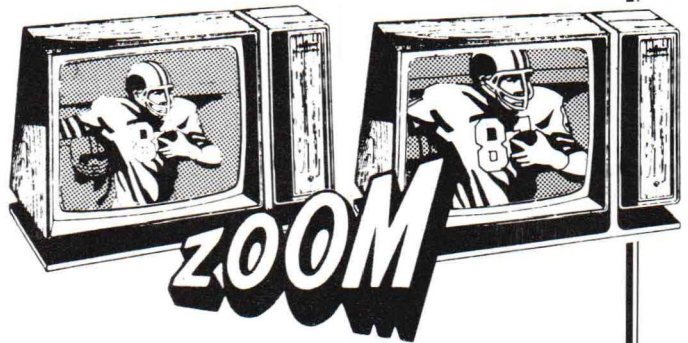


**"WASH-OUT"**

**MISCONDUCT**—Placing of both hands on hips several times and pointing to penalized player. **ICING**—Arms folded across the chest. **"WASH-OUT"**—Both arms swung laterally across the body with the palms down. 1) When used by Referee it means goal disallowed. 2) When used by Linesman it means there is no icing or no off-side.

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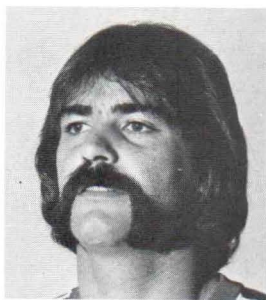
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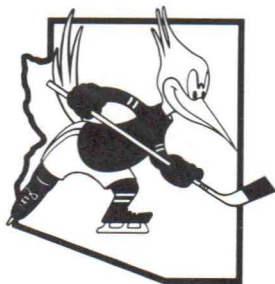
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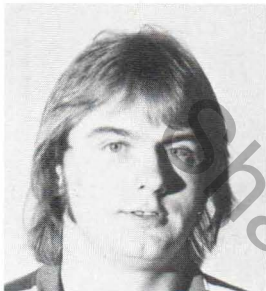




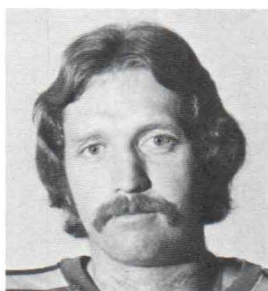
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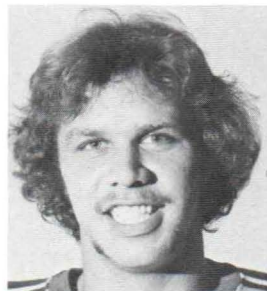
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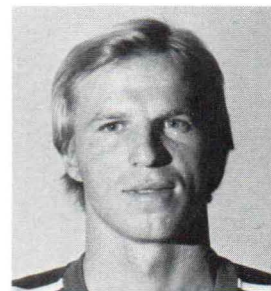
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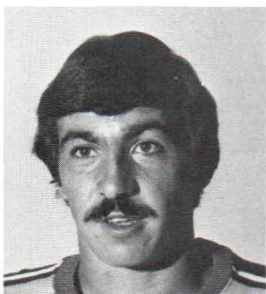
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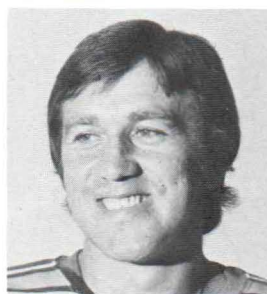
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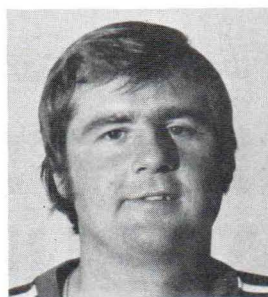


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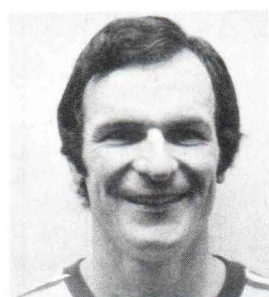
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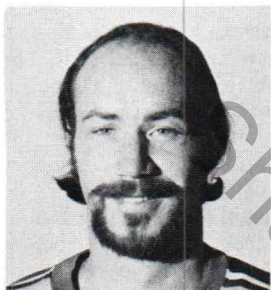
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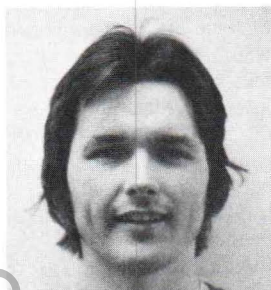
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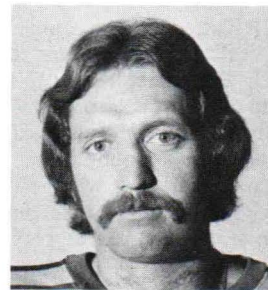
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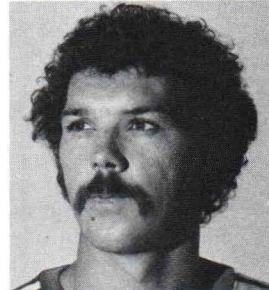
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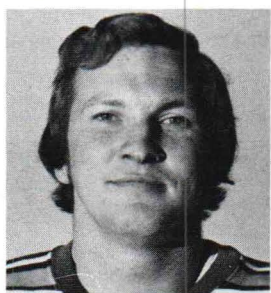
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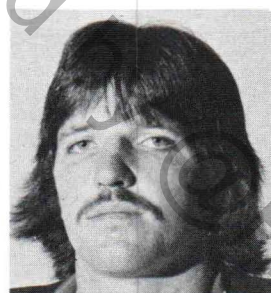
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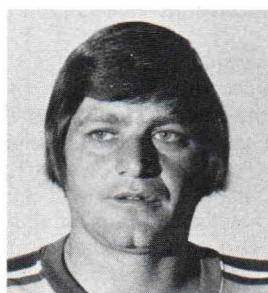
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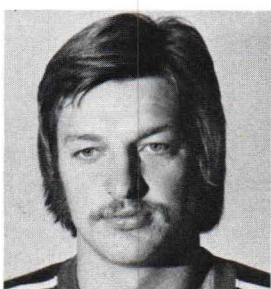
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# INSIDER'S HOCKEY — ROADRUNNER STYLE

HOCKEY FANS DON'T MERELY watch a game. As everyone connected with sports realizes, hockey fans are a breed apart; they EXPERIENCE the game, they LIVE it. Through each set of eyes something different is seen. A favorite player can do nothing wrong; an opposing player usually can do nothing right — unless he happens to be a Bobby Hull.

But it also is true that a fuller appreciation of what is going on down there on the ice can be intensified in proportion to one's knowledge of the collective skills required to play the game well.

This isn't to say that everyone must view and enjoy hockey with a unique sameness; rather, it is directing the new hockey fan to certain talents that may enhance his appreciation even more.

Take the FACE-OFF for example. Face-offs start the swirling action as many as 50 or more times each game, and as Phoenix center Jim Boyd says in the current Roadrunner film, "Face-offs are important because they give you possession of the puck." An over-simplification of course. He might have added, if you are quick enough, strong enough, guileful enough to control them. Boyd, it might be pointed out, is one of the best at controlling the "draw", doing with it what he has in mind, depending on where the drop takes place. If deep in his defensive zone, drawing the puck back to a teammate who can then claim firm possession of it; or, if the drop is further out towards the blueline, poking the disc over the line and out of danger; or in the offensive zone, drawing it back to a teammate for a quick shot from the point, or directing it to an open wing, or behind the net and quickly pursuing it to gain control.

"For me," says Jim, "one of the toughest centers to win a face-off from is Larry Lund of Houston. He's quick and strong and plenty smart. Another one that's tough is Minnesota's Fran Huck, basically because he's so quick."

Center Robbie Ftorek cites two others as being among the best in the WHA. "I have trouble with Andre Lacroix of San Diego," says Robbie. "He's quick and surprisingly strong. Sometimes you'll also have trouble with players you don't see too often because you don't know their style or pattern. Oh, one other tough one for me is "Boydie" (teammate Jim Boyd), and I'm glad we only face each other in practice."

Many coaches assign statisticians to chart the success factor of face-offs for their players and sometimes will send a specific player out to take an important draw. Sometimes a player will forego "playing the puck", and will "play the opponent's body" instead, neutralizing him and allowing a teammate to pick up the disc.

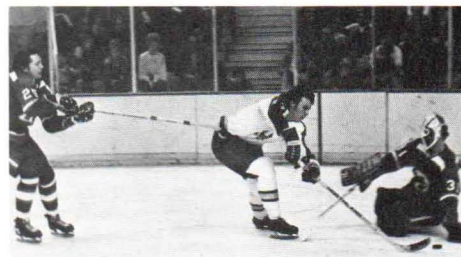


Center Jim Boyd, who appears to be losing his stick, starts to turn his body into opposing player to box him away from puck after face-off.

One of the more frustrating occurrences in hockey is the shot which misses an unprotected or nearly-unprotected goal. The frustration is shared by player and fan alike. Shooting the puck into the net at such a time *appears* akin to hitting a golf ball into Grand Canyon while teed up on the rim. But such is not the case. The puck may be bouncing when the player's stick makes contact. If the shooter is being crowded his arms may be impeded so that he cannot follow through. If a player is to shoot in these circumstances he generally must shoot quickly, before the defending team can recover or before he is checked out of play. There isn't always time to get all of the blade on the puck, it may be shot off the heel of the stick or off the end of the blade, causing an erratic shot. Curved sticks cause the back-hand shot to be inaccurate except in the hands of the most skilled players.

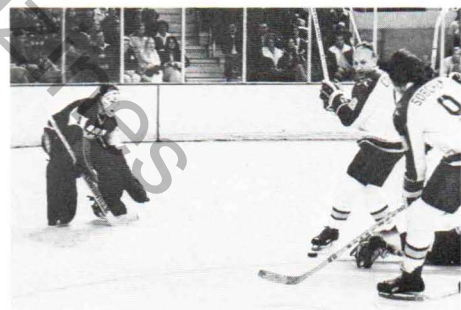
It's not as easy as it looks!

Last year Cam Connor used a drastically curved blade, and here's a potential goal that got away off a back-hand attempt after pulling the goalie down and out.



Another source of frustration is the "one pass too many" which happens often in a game. Here the situation is that of two or more attacking players breaking on goal. The puck carrier appears to be in a good position to shoot, yet he elects to pass to a teammate. The pass is then intercepted or otherwise diverted by a defending player, or the pass is too wide of the intended receiver and a potential goal is lost.

These two Phoenix players were frustrated last year with "one pass too many", especially as close as they were, after seemingly having Whaler goalie at their mercy.

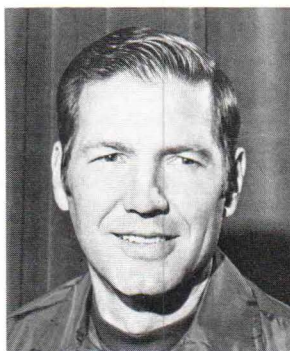


The rationale for such a pass may be any of several. The pass may provide the teammate with a better angle from which to shoot than that afforded the passer. A defensive player may be moving in on the puck carrier, or a defending player may be in a position to block the shot if the puck-carrier elects to shoot. Granted, the "last pass" is often a mistake since it requires a good pass as well as the receiving player accepting the pass properly, in addition to getting off the good shot. But when the play works and a goal is scored the precision of the play-making is an enjoyable spectacle.

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**WHA COACH OF  
THE YEAR  
SANDY HUCUL**



FOR SANDY HUCUL, last season's WHA results were pretty much a case of picking up where he left off in the WHA the previous year. Almost!

Hucul's track record as player and coach have certainly been successful. Coach of the Roadrunners during their final two years in the WHL, Sandy led them to two consecutive regular season and post-season championships. He also coached the club during the final half of the 1969-70 season, producing a winning record.

Overall, counting minor and major league coaching seasons, Sandy has produced a solid 131-98-24 record, never failing to reach the playoffs.

Sandy arrived in Phoenix in 1967 when pro hockey came to the Valley of the Sun from Victoria, B.C. In 18 pro campaigns, he played 1147 regular season and 103 playoff games in seven different WHL cities. With a reputation for being one of the strongest and hardest hitting players in the game, Sandy earned all-star honors six times and was voted the WHL's Outstanding Defenseman twice, including his final season, 1971-72.

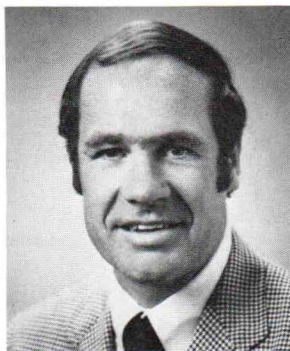
The quiet Hucul, a man of deep faith, has proven to be a leader who can inspire his players to greater levels of achievement.

Recognizing his contributions last winter, the Phoenix Press Box Association voted him "Coach of the Year" for the 1973-74 WHL titles (reportedly the first time a pro coach had received the honor), and in May he received two similar awards, by *The Hockey News* and in the WHA players poll.

Don't be surprised if he earns similar recognition next May.

**WHA EXECUTIVE  
OF THE YEAR**

**WILLIAM H.  
MacFARLAND —  
President**



THERE'S NO QUESTION about last season being among the most satisfying experienced by Roadrunner president Bill MacFarland.

Named to the position officially May 6, 1974, Bill set the wheels in motion forming staff, acquiring players and minting one of the most successful and exciting franchises in the WHA in only its first season.

As a result, MacFarland was voted WHA "Executive of the Year" by *The Sporting News* last May, one year after he assumed the position.

The award came as no surprise, since Bill has been accustomed to success in his many-faceted career. Chosen to the All-American team while playing hockey at the University of Michigan, he was a four-time all-star in the WHL and earned MVP honors in 1962.

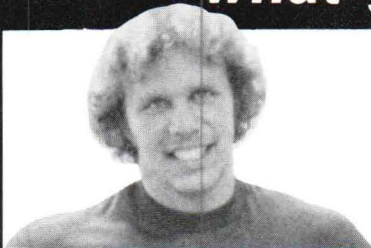
While still playing, he read law and passed the Washington state bar exam. After retiring as an active player, he took over the dual coaching-managing positions with the Totems and went on to cop a pair of post season titles.

In 1970 he left the Totems to practice law full time and in 1971 became the third and last president of the WHL.

As rewarding as last season's honors were, the soft-spoken Roadrunner president savored more the admiration and respect he received from those who worked for and with him.

MacFarland's goal this year? Improved success for the franchise both on the ice and off, and an even more rewarding season for Phoenix hockey fans.

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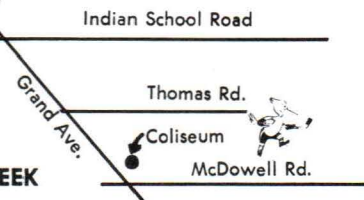
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No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Birthplace	Last Season
1	Gary Kurt	G	6-3	205	3-9-47	Kitchener, Ont.	Phoenix, WHA
30	Jack Norris	G	5-10	175	8-5-42	Saskatoon, Sask.	Phoenix, WHA

## DEFENSEMEN

2	Jim Niekamp	RD	6-1	185	3-11-46	Detroit, Mich.	Phoenix, WHA
3	Al McLeod	LD	5-11	200	6-17-49	Medicine Hat, Alta.	Phoenix, WHA
4	Garry Lariviere	RD	6-0	190	12-6-54	St. Catherines, Ont.	Tulsa, CHL
							Phoenix, WHA
5	Serge Beaudoin	LD	6-2	215	10-30-52	Montreal, Que.	Tulsa, CHL
19	Pekka Rautakallio	LD	5-11	185	7-25-53	Pori, Finland	Finland Nat'l
26	Jim Clarke	RD	6-3	215	8-11-54	Toronto, Ont.	Tulsa, CHL

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1975-76 Records  
Thru Saturday, Dec. 6, 1975

Gm.	Min.	Ga.	Avg.	WLT
14	800	58	4.35	6-7-1
10	611	36	3.52	3-4-2

Gm.	G	A	Pts.	Pim.
23	3	2	5	26
23	2	5	7	28
23	1	3	4	39
21	0	4	4	31
23	4	13	17	4
9	0	0	0	11

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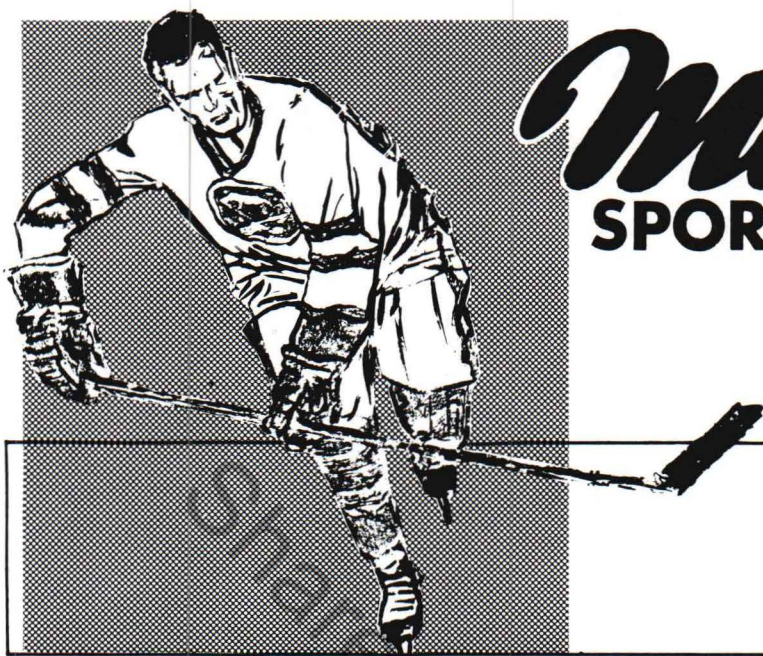
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								Gm.	G	A	Pts.	Pim.
8	Robbie Ftopek	C	5-9	160	1-2-52	Needham, Mass.	Phoenix, WHA	23	12	17	29	28
9	Del Hall	LW	5-10	170	5-7-49	Petersborough, Ont.	Salt Lake, CHL	23	9	11	20	2
10	Dave Gorman	RW	5-11	185	4-8-55	Oshawa, Ont.	Tulsa, CHL					
							Phoenix, WHA	18	1	6	7	10
11	Gary Veneruzzo	RW	5-8	175	6-28-43	Ft. William, Ont.	Mich/Balt, WHA	18	3	3	6	10
12	Ron Huston	C	5-10	185	4-8-45	Manitou, Man.	California, NHL	23	5	12	17	0
14	Jim Boyd	C	5-10	180	6-4-49	Calgary, Alta	Phoenix, WHA	23	5	7	12	8
15	John Gray	RW	5-10	180	8-13-49	Little Current, Ont.	Phoenix, WHA	23	8	13	21	34
16	Michel Cormier	LW	5-9	175	12-22-45	Three Rivers, Que.	Phoenix, WHA	23	8	5	13	2
17	Cam Connor	LW	6-2	205	8-10-54	Winnipeg, Man.	Phoenix, WHA	23	5	4	9	101
18	John Migneault	LW	5-10	185	2-4-49	Thompkins, Sask.	Phx./Van. WHA	21	3	4	7	2
21	Barry Dean	LW	6-1	195	2-26-55	Maple Creek, Sask.	Medicine Hat, WCHL	23	1	6	7	27
24	Lauri Mononen	RW	6-0	180	3-22-50	Joensuu, Fin.	Finland Nat'l.	20	6	2	8	4

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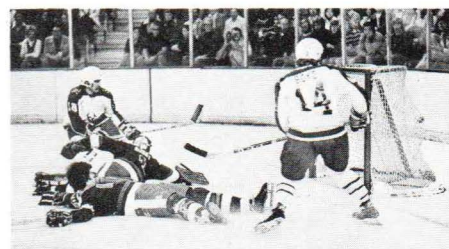
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## INSIDER'S HOCKEY *from page 18*

*Here's the conclusion of a picture-perfect two-on-one passing play; Michel Cormier (16) deflects puck past fallen Nordique defenseman and goalie after taking pass from Jim Boyd.*



Fans are often puzzled by the causes for the numerous offside calls which interrupt the action. Aside from the offside caused by the anxiety of a player to get into the attacking zone, offsides result from any of a number of events. An offside may be forced when the puck carrier is momentarily impeded by a defensive player, causing him to delay a fraction of a second in crossing the blue line. Being the fast game that it is, this brief delay may not be sufficient for the other attacking players to pull up or cut laterally to avoid breaking into the attacking zone. Sometimes the puck carrier will change pace to avoid a check or to attempt to draw a defending player into a decisive action. Again, the fellow attackers may be too quick in crossing the blue line, with an offside resulting.

If the checking at the blue line is stiff, an attacking player may not be aware that he has carried himself over the blue line. Before he can recover and skate out of the zone the puck may cross over the line and the whistle blows once again.

Part of the fun of being a hockey fan consists of evaluating player performance. To the less sophisticated fan, a player who is a good body-checker often draws praise, while a more talented player who is not a body-checker often may draw wrath. The body-check is, to be sure, an important skill, both as a strategic move and as an intimidating device. But there is far more to the game. A fierce body-check may elicit a roar of approval from the crowd, but in some cases it may not have been the right move for a given situation. The body-check often takes both players out of the play and results in a loose puck which can be played by an opponent. A stick-check, either of the sweep, poke, or hook (not to be confused with hooking) variety often can accomplish more in breaking up a play than can any number of body plays.

*Successful poke check is executed by Edmonton's all-star defenseman Barry Long as he breaks up Cormier's threat.*



Too often fans blame the goalkeeper for the goal that is scored. Almost every goal may be said to be the end result of at least three mistakes, not including the possible mistake by the goaltender. The first mistake occurred in the opponents' end. By some means the opposition was able to clear the puck from their defensive end. A goalkeeper can nullify these team errors, but it makes his job all the more difficult.

For all its many facets, hockey is still basically a simple game, "put the puck in the net". Too fast and dynamic to permit elaborate and intricate "game plans", the game's spontaneity has much to do with its appeal. With virtually no "standing around" by participants, 60 minutes of action is crowded into every game. Its speed, daring, color, and excitement provide entertainment that is never static, and can be appreciated by the tyro fan as well as the seasoned observer.

So come along and enjoy it.



# THE MEN BEHIND THE SCENES...

## Trainers Curran and Fleger

### Jack Curran

VETERAN TRAINER JACK CURRAN, in his second season with the Roadrunners and with a solid reputation as one of the most knowledgeable "injury and rehab" trainers in the game, is currently serving as Secretary-Treasurer of the WHA Trainers Society, following his election to the post this past summer.

Curran, who hails from Agawam, Mass., began his career as a trainer 18 years ago with the Class D Pensacola Dons baseball team, and during the next 10 years was involved as trainer in both baseball and hockey at various levels of pro competition. The seven years prior to joining the Roadrunners were spent as trainer of the Seattle SuperSonics of the NBA, with summertime association with the Seattle Sounders Soccer team.

During the off-season he is an ardent skeet shooter, competing at various meets around the country with his wife, Kay.

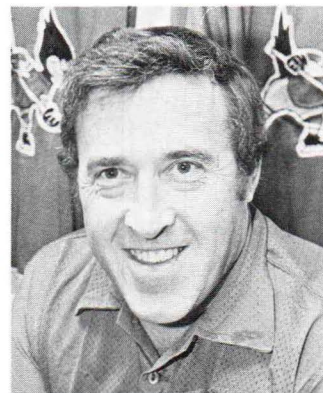


### Ken Fleger

ANOTHER VETERAN of hockey training rooms in both Canada and the U.S. is personable Ken Fleger, also in his second season with the Roadrunners. For 14 seasons, Fleger trained the Drumheller Miners, including their Allan Cup title season of 1966. In addition to his training duties with his hometown team, Kenny worked in the sales and promotion department of a local radio station.

Fleger was trainer with the Golden Eagles in Salt Lake for three seasons before coming to Phoenix, and then, as now, earned high marks from his players and opponents for his well-operated training room facilities.

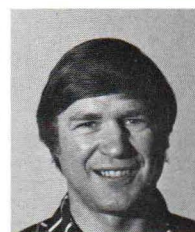
Ken, his wife Adele ("Dale") and three sons, Greg, 19, Andy, 17, and Ward, 16, live in Tempe.



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# Around And About With The Cheerleaders

By **FRANK GIANELLI**  
*Republic Hockey Writer*

"HOW COME," said the hockey newcomer, "you guys don't have organized cheering during games? ... Like football? ... Li'l ol' pom-pon gals down there rilin' up some rootin'?"

After confiding that any hockey game that needed organized rootin' wasn't much of a hockey game at all, we got to reflecting about those old wild Western League games and visitations to Salt Lake City where they had the wildest, most enthusiastic band of backers we've ever seen.

They brought their own hockey sticks and waved them in enthusiasm — or brandished them in menace when the tide of fortune went against their pets on ice. They had a cheerleader. They exchanged volume salutes with the fans on the opposite side of the rink.

And, until management intervened, they also lugged in their own Mountain Dew.

"Man," said one awed Roadrunner after skating through an especially rugged game, "you could feel the shock waves of sound all through the game ..."

Rooters? ... Organized? ...

Phoenix hasn't reached such in the way of stature.

But there is that band behind the southside pressbox section that is particularly enthusiastic — shouting a slogan we still haven't been able to decipher. Whatever — it often works an apparent charm. Maybe the squadmen hear it in inspiration.

And get their game going — and goaling. Whatever "Spork," or "Skork," or "Stork," means fellahs —

Keep them leather lungs a-pumpin'.

Mostly — the fans are rambunctious at home, and only slightly less than obnoxious when the team goes on the road.

But there've been a few memorable pests in Roadrunner history.

- There was "Firebell Flora" at Portland, in the Old WHL — with her rinkside seat and brass bell with which to lead a rallying beat for her beloved Buckaroos ... and also clang skulls of visiting players who had misfortune to be pinned against the wire and within her reach ...

- There was the violent lady at San Diego (why does it always have to be a Miss, Mrs. or Ms ...?) who would hammer on the screen trying to distract an opponent, shaking the pipe uprights 30 feet in each direction ...

- San Diego also had the garbage spillers platooned above the entryway to spill drinks, or peg mustard-doused hot dog wrappers at players coming on ice ...

- And Phoenix ...? Not without sin. Brian Moss recalls the "Li'l ol' Lady" who used to prod Roadrunner opponents with a rolled-up program. And everybody wondered why they winced so when she harpooned them through the screen ... until Moss took the weapon away from her one night —

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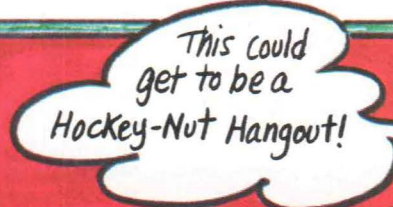
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IN THE 1970-71 SEASON, Phil Esposito scored a record 152 points. The hockey world gasped.

In the 1971-72 season, Ray Adduono had 165 points. The following year, 170. It's doubtful if even his barber knew about it.

Adduono, it seems, was professional hockey's version of the invisible man. Compared to him, Lamont Cranston had a high profile. Before last season, that is.

Since he was old enough to pick up a stick, Ray set scoring records wherever he played. Somehow, that never seemed to be enough.

"Too small, too slow, can't skate. I've heard them all," sighs the 28-year-old center for the San Diego Mariners. "And maybe some other things I don't even know about."

What he never did hear was a reasonable explanation of how he happened to be able to do all the things he does while laboring under such handicaps. Adduono performed in the Eastern League, the Central League, the American League and the North American Hockey League as well as in juniors. In each place, he scored. In several, he made all-star teams.

But in none, apparently, did he make an impression. The trail always led back to Syracuse, N.Y., and another year with the Syracuse Blazers, until last season when he stuck with San Diego.

"I would go to major league training camps (mostly with the Boston Bruins) and they would use me to play against the big boys until the big boys got in shape," he recalls. "Then I would be gone."

The National League expanded, then expanded again. The World Hockey Association was formed. Still, Adduono stayed at Syracuse. From 1969 through 1973, he was the highest scorer in all pro hockey. Ray logged 570 points, an average of 143 per season. During the same span, breaking every NHL scoring record, Esposito averaged 129.

But Phil Esposito is 6-3, weighs 220 pounds and covers ground in awesome strides. Adduono is 5-9, 160 and skates only fast enough to get where he's going at the right time.

"The guy never had a real chance until last year," says Mariner Coach Ron Ingram. "He would go to a training camp knowing there was no way he was going to make the team."

As we said, until last year. Prior to the Mariner's training camp in 1974, Ingram and then-coach Harry Howell had a long talk with Ray. A center spot on the roster was his if he produced.

Adduono reacted. In the team's first public appearance, an intrasquad scrimmage, he scored a hat trick. In a 3-0 victory over Vancouver, he scored one goal and set up another.

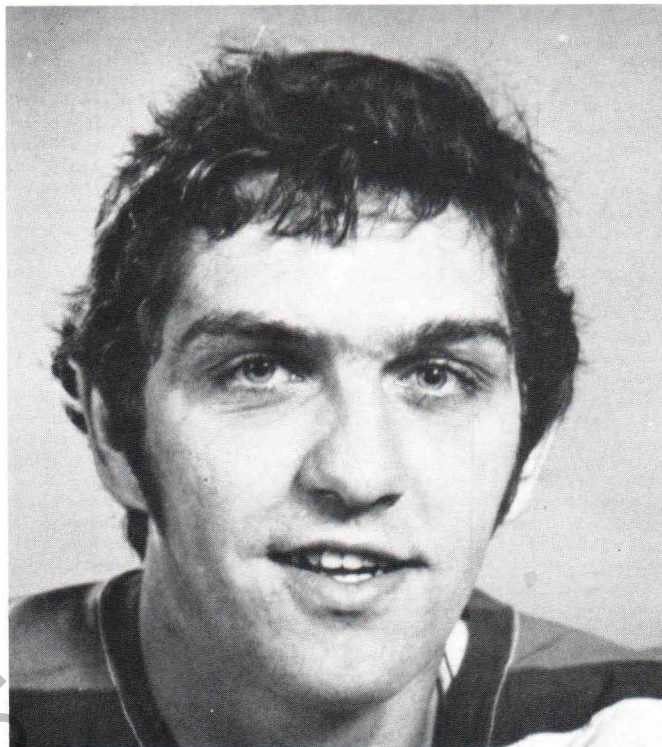
"When I came here, I was worried about how my skating would be. I didn't expect to score a goal because passing is my game," he says.

"But when Ron and Harry told me my situation, I relaxed and everything sort of fell in place. I wanted to play here bad. I figured this chance with San Diego was probably my last shot at the 'big apple' if I didn't make good."

Well, if 74 points mean anything, Ray did make good. He potted 15 goals last season, added 59 points and helped Norm Ferguson and Gene Peacosh to their finest major league seasons ever. All in all, his line accounted for 222 points. And in playoff action he was the Mariners' top scorer with five goals, nine assists in 10 games.

Phoenix knows him well. He scored San Diego's first goal vs. the Roadrunners last year and finished the season with three goals, four assists in six games.

Yes, indeed, not a bad effort for a fellow who for years carried the reputation for being "too slow, too small and can't skate."



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# 1975-76 COMPLETE SCHEDULE

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### GOALIES

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Last Season
1	Russ Gillow	G	5-10	165	34	San Diego, WHA
31	Ernie Wakely	G	5-11	170	34	San Diego, WHA

### DEFENSEMEN

2	Brent Hughes	D	6-0	205	32	Kansas City, NHL
4	Kevin Morrison	D	5-11	202	26	San Diego, WHA
5	Bob Wall	D	5-10	185	32	San Diego, WHA
6	Bob Falkenberg	D	6-0	195	29	San Diego, WHA
17	Jim Hargreaves	D	5-11	195		San Diego, WHA
23	Mike McMahon	D	5-11	182		Calgary, WCHL

### 1975-76 SAN DIEGO

1975-76 Record  
Thru Sunday, Dec. 7, 1975

Gm.	Min.	Ga.	Avg.	WLT
7	259	14	3.24	0-2-1
21	1152	64	3.34	10-9-1

Gm.	G	A	Pts.	Pim.
23	3	11	14	20
23	4	14	18	11
23	0	6	6	6
22	0	5	5	8
12	0	1	1	12
15	0	5	5	4

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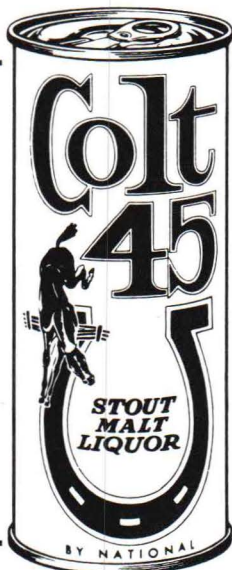
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No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Last Season	1975-76 Record Thru Sunday, Dec. 7, 1975				
							Gm.	G	A	Pts.	Pim.
7	Andre Lacroix	C	5-8	175	30	San Diego, WHA	23	8	24	32	24
8	Don Burgess	LW	6-0	170	21	Vancouver, WHA	22	3	1	4	21
9	Norm Ferguson	RW	5-8	173	30	San Diego, WHA	23	14	10	24	0
10	Ray Adduono	C	5-9	160	28	San Diego, WHA	23	5	21	26	4
11	Dave Walter	LW-C6-0	185	23		Long Island, NAHL	15	1	2	3	6
12	Wayne Rivers	RW	5-9	185	33	San Diego, WHA	21	4	12	16	8
14	Alex Tidey	RW	6-0	182	20	Lethbridge, WCHL	23	6	2	8	17
16	Kevin Devine	LW	5-9	175	20	San Diego, WHA	23	7	9	16	36
21	Joe Noris	RW	6-0	185	24	Syracuse, AHL	23	9	12	21	8
22	Jamie Bateman	RW	6-1	205	21	San Diego, WHA	7	1	0	1	4
24	John French	LW	5-11	175	25	New England, WHA	21	5	7	12	2
25	Gene Peacosh	LW	5-11	180	27	San Diego, WHA	23	16	11	27	13
29	Gary Bredin	RW	6-0	185	27	Baltimore, WHA	23	5	3	8	2





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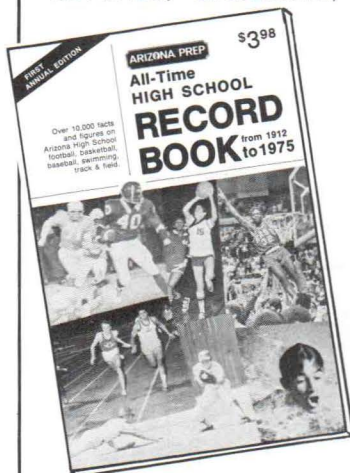
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(For a complete compilation of team and individual records set last season, we suggest you obtain a Roadrunners Fact Book, on sale through The Roadrunners Shoppe.)

### TEAM RECORDS

**MOST GOALS, GAME . . .**  
12 (vs. Indianapolis, 3/1/75)  
**MOST GOALS, PERIOD . . .**  
6 (vs. Indianapolis, 3/1/75)  
**MOST GOALS AGAINST, GAME . . .**  
10 (by Minnesota, 11/10/74)  
**CONSECUTIVE GOALS FOR, GAME . . .**  
9 (vs. Indianapolis, 3/1/75)  
**CONSECUTIVE GOALS AGAINST, GAME . . .**  
7 (by San Diego, 2/18/75)  
**LONGEST WINNING STREAK . . .**  
6 (12/10 thru 12/22/74)  
**LONGEST UNBEATEN STREAK . . .**  
6 (same)  
**LONGEST LOSING STREAK . . .**  
5 (10/24 thru 11/2/74)  
**LONGEST WINLESS STREAK . . .**  
6 (twice, most recent 1/9 thru 1/17/75)  
**MOST PIM, GAME . . .**  
137 (vs. Minnesota, 2/7/75)  
**MOST PIM, OPPONENT GAME . . .**  
78 (by Michigan, 12/31/74)  
**MOST PIM, BOTH TEAMS, GAME . . .**  
204 (Phoenix 137, Minnesota 67, 2/7/75)

### INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

**MOST POINTS, GAME . . .**  
6 (2 goals, 4 assists, by Robbie Ftorek, 3/1/75)  
**MOST GOALS, GAME . . .**  
3 (Ftorek, Harris, Cormier (2), Borgeson (2))  
**MOST ASSISTS, GAME . . .**  
4 (Cormier, 1/22/75; Ftorek, 3/1/75)  
**MOST PPG, GAME . . .**  
2 (Boyd, 2/16/75)  
**MOST PENALTIES, GAME . . .**  
6 (John Hughes, 2/7/75)  
**MOST PENALTIES, PERIOD . . .**  
5 (Pete McNamee, 2/7/75)  
**MOST PIM, GAME . . .**  
30 (Al McLeod, 2/7/75)  
**MOST PIM, PERIOD . . .**  
29 (Pete McNamee, 3rd period vs. Minnesota, 2/7/75)  
**MOST SHUTOUTS, SEASON . . .**  
2 (Gary Kurt)





# THE VISITING COACHES



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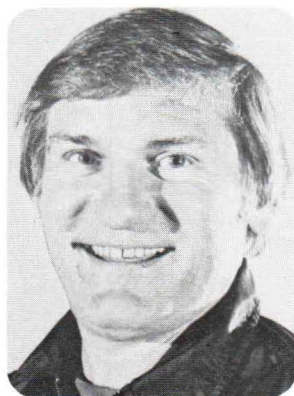
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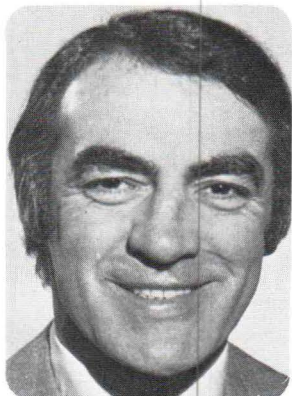
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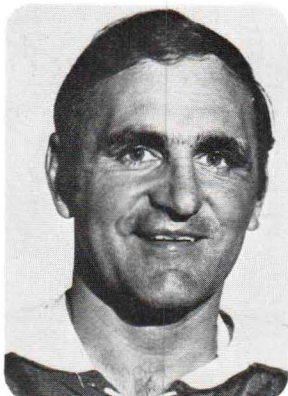
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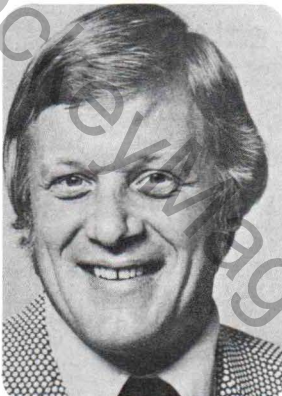
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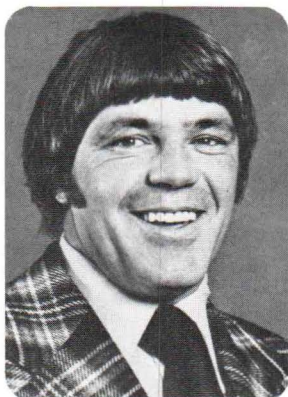
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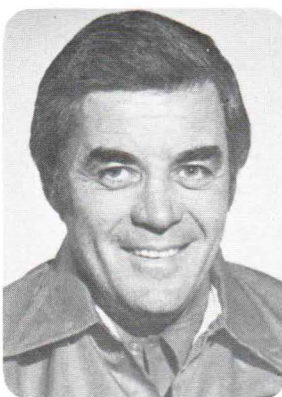
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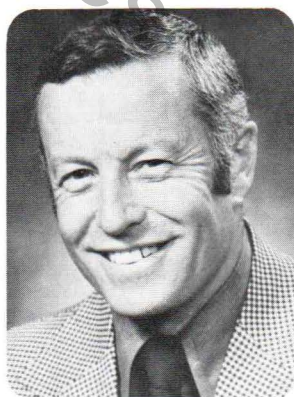
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# Player of the Month



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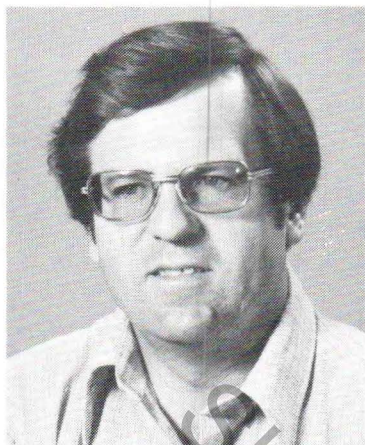
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# They Found What They Were Seeking

By DOUG McCONNELL  
*Gazette Hockey Writer*

ERNIE WAKELY FOUND Christ just around the corner, although it was a long search.

Joe Daley found Him just across the room. The introduction was made by Wakely.

Wakely, of course, is the much-traveled goaltender of the San Diego Mariners. Daley tends the nets for the Winnipeg Jets.

They are former Winnipeg teammates and roommates.

Ernie and his wife, Sharon, were not led to the Christian life. "We just found it by attending a particular church."

"When we left St. Louis (of the National League) for Winnipeg (of the World Hockey Association) we were searching for some meaning to our lives and we didn't know where to begin. We knew there had to be something more to life than what we had. What we had was money and so on but that doesn't always necessarily supply happiness and peace and joy."

They began checking out the churches in Winnipeg and where they wound up was the last one they tried, "just around the corner from our house."

Wakely converted Daley by example and not by preaching to him, but by responding to Daley's needs and queries.

It became increasingly obvious to Daley over a couple of years that Wakely had something he didn't. An inner peace.

"I think that was the approach that seemed to work best with him, not push it on him. If I had pushed it on him I could have turned him away. It was quite rewarding to see another individual turn to Christ."

Accepting Christ has changed Ernie's life.

"I don't become as frustrated . . . He can give you the peace and joy even in the difficult times . . . He can give you that kind of upper feeling when you're in a down situation."

There was a down situation early last season.

"I went virtually from training camp until the

time I was traded (mid-season) and I was in five games. I wasn't playing and there were times that I got kind of down and depressed. When our Bible study group got together, they asked me to give a personal testimony.

"I kind of related my own problems and we went through prayer that night and on the way to the rink the next day, this passage came to my mind."

*(St. Luke 22:42) Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.*

"I think that was very important at that time because I was going through this situation and I didn't want to go through it but He was trying to tell me, 'Just let me handle the situation, just relax and let it go and I'll handle the problem.'

"I did and, of course, it was taken care of and it turned out quite well, but at the time, it always looks bleak."

Wakely was traded to the San Diego Mariners, who were in need of the 35-year-old's services.

"Getting Ernie turned the whole season around for us," says San Diego's general manager and coach, Ron Ingram. "He's a major league goaltender and our goaltending was a little suspect."

The Mariners, picked by many to finish last in the WHA West, came on with a 9-1-1 record over the last 11 games, even though seven of them were on the road, to take second place.

There was no immediate change in the Wakelys' lives.

"It wasn't the band playing or the cymbals clashing," said Ernie, "It may be that way for some people. It instantaneously seems to change their lives. "I think, though, for most people it's a day-by-day growing. Every day, something happens and you grow over the years. People see. You may not see the difference yourself so much because you're going through the day-by-day process but

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# THREE YEAR WHA CAREER LEADERS

## MOST POINTS

	Games Played	Goals	Assists	Total Points	Points Per Game
1. Andre Lacroix, SD	234	122	260	382	1.632
2. Bobby Hull, Wpg	216	181	159	340	1.574
3. Danny Lawson, Cal.	234	144	126	270	1.154
4. Larry Lund, Hou	230	87	173	260	1.130
5. Wayne Carleton, NE	226	114	143	257	1.137
6. Wayne Rivers, SD	226	121	120	241	1.066
6. Ron Ward, Clev	220	114	127	241	1.095
8. Chris Bordeleau, Que	224	96	144	240	1.071
9. Tom Webster, NE	207	136	102	238	1.150
10. Wayne Connelly, Minn	232	120	116	236	1.017

## MOST GOALS

	WHA Seasons	Games Played	Goals	Goals Season	Goals Game
1. Bobby Hull, Wpg	3	216	181	60.33	.838
2. Danny Lawson, Cal	3	234	144	48.00	.615
3. Tom Webster, NE	3	207	137	45.44	.657
4. Wayne Rivers, SD	3	226	122	40.67	.540
5. Andre Lacroix, SD	3	234	121	40.33	.517
6. Wayne Connelly, Minn	3	232	120	40.00	.517
7. Ron Ward, Clev	3	220	114	38.00	.518
7. Wayne Carleton, NE	3	226	114	38.00	.504
9. Frank Hughes, Hou	3	225	112	37.33	.498
10. Mike Walton, Minn	2	153	105	52.50	.686

## MOST ASSISTS

	WHA Seasons	Games Played	Assists	Assists Season	Assists Game
1. Andre Lacroix, SD	3	234	260	86.67	1.111
2. J.C. Tremblay, Que	3	212	175	58.33	.825
3. Larry Lund, Hou	3	230	173	57.67	.752
4. Bobby Hull, Wpg	3	216	159	53.00	.736
5. Gavin Kirk, Tor	3	234	146	48.67	.624
6. Chris Bordeleau, Wpg	3	224	144	48.00	.629
6. Bryon Campbell, Cinn	3	229	144	48.00	.629
8. Wayne Carleton, NE	3	226	143	47.67	.633
9. Jim Dorey, Tor	3	226	136	45.33	.602
10. Gordie Howe, Hou	2	145	134	67.00	.924

## MOST PENALTY MINUTES

	WHA Seasons	Games Played	Penalty Minutes	Minutes Season	Minutes Game
1. John Schella, Hou	3	229	585	195.0	2.555
2. Doug Barrie, Edm	3	201	447	149.0	2.224
3. John Arbour, Minn	3	224	445	148.3	1.987
4. Tom Gilmore, Edm	3	202	439	146.3	2.173
5. Paul Shmyr, Clev	3	200	437	145.7	2.185
6. Steve Sutherland, Que	3	194	431	143.7	2.222
7. Gord Gallant, Que	2	138	426	213.0	3.087
8. Pierre Roy, Que	3	169	424	141.3	2.509
9. Jim Cardiff, Phil-Van	3	200	398	132.7	1.990
10. Larry Mavety, Tor	3	224	396	132.0	1.768

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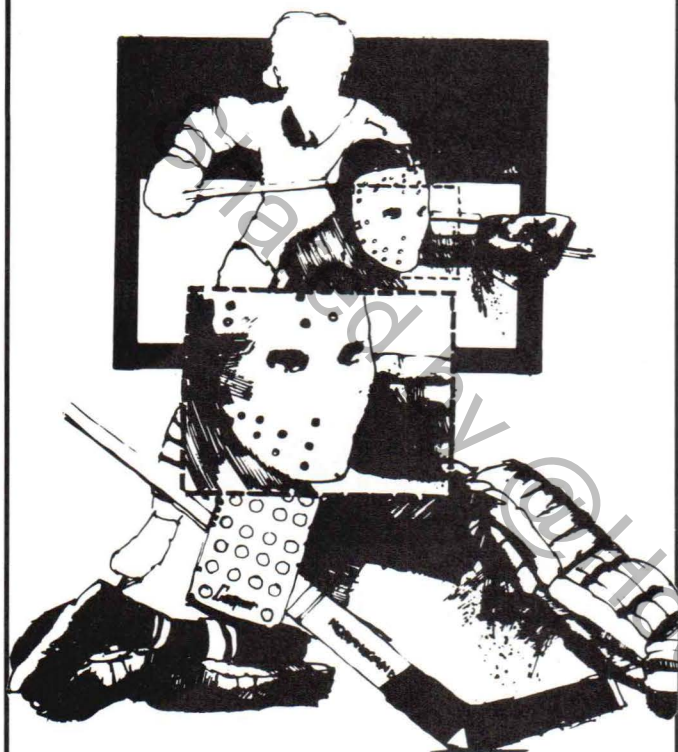
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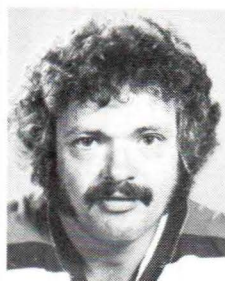


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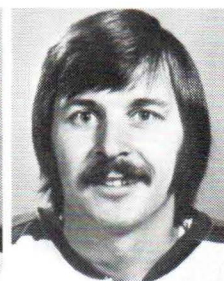
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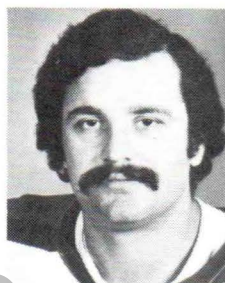
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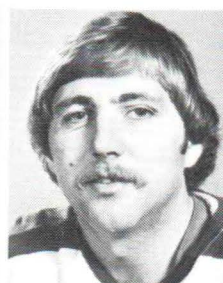
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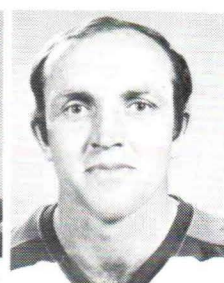
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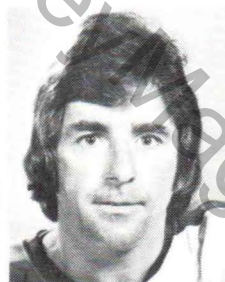
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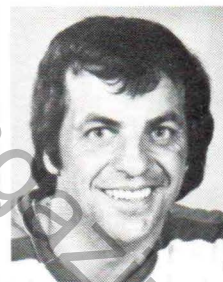
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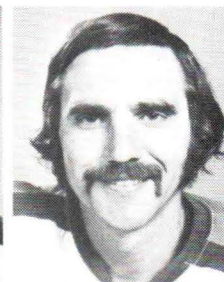
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ON THE COVER: Steady defenseman Jim Niekamp, No. 2, joining Al McLeod as steadying influence of the young Roadrunners blueline corps. Born and raised in Detroit, Jim says he has always been a shot blocker, claims it is an instinctive move, not a learned one. He has mastered his art skillfully enough to be recognized as one of the top "blockers" in major league hockey. Not a prolific scorer, Niekamp has already passed his goal-scoring production of past two seasons. And he makes them count; both of his goals last year were game winners and he already has one GWG this season.



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So get in the festive Holiday mood. Stick around and participate in today's post-game "Coke Shoot."

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your friends and relatives see all the change taking place."

Wakely is conscious of what others see.

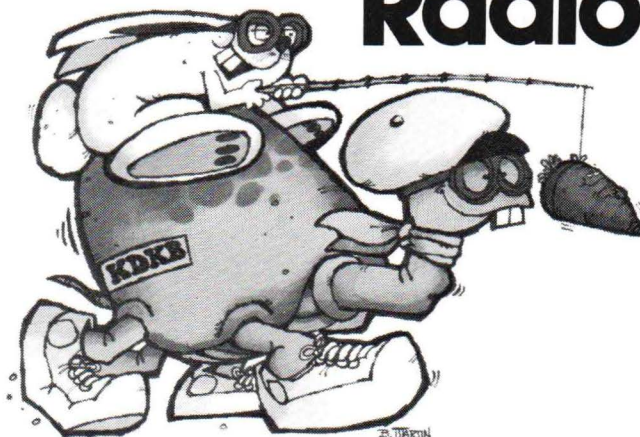
"I did a number of things before I was a Christian that I don't do now," he says. "I used to go with the boys and have a few drinks after a game. Now, I go with them into the bar and I have my coke, instead.

"I feel that I should be with them, even though some people will frown upon a Christian going into that type of place. I think by handling the situation and being around them it's a great light for them to see.

"It's a team sport. If you start to go your way and they go theirs, they start to think you're snobbish or looking down on them. That is the wrong kind of impression to create."

You see, he's still looking for conversions, but by example.

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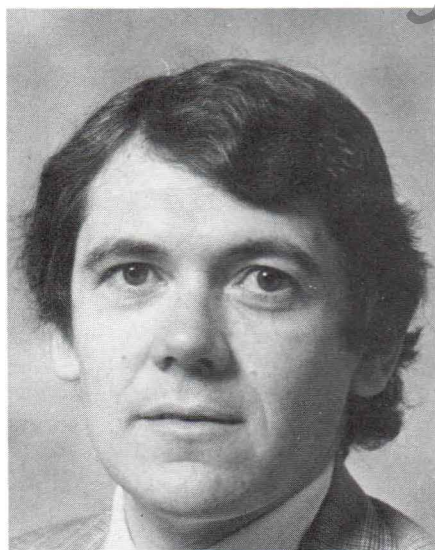
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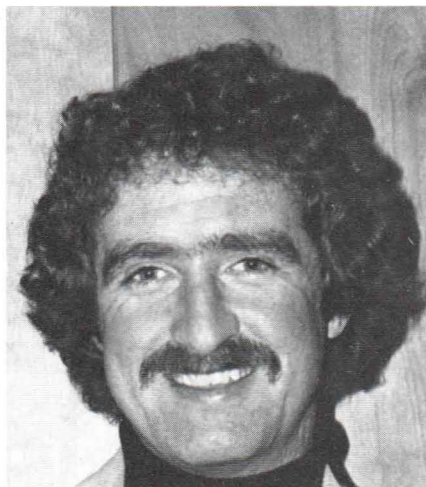
# THE PEOPLE AT THE MICROPHONES



**JOE DAGGETT**

## *Play-by-Play*

STARTING HIS second season with the Roadrunners after five years with the WHL Totems in Seattle ... earned respect around the league last year for his credibility and fairness as well as being entertaining in the process ... the well-read native of Bangor, Maine received B.A. in English from the University of Maine in 1962 and M.A. in linguistics from University of Illinois in 1963 ... broke into sportscasting in Champaign, Illinois and came West in 1968 as sports director of KING Radio-TV in Seattle, joining Totems the following year ... handled numerous public speaking assignments around the state during the past year ... writes Phoenix Personality Profile in this magazine ... he and wife Bridgett have twin daughters Annette and Angela.



**MIKE LEONARD**

## *Color Commentator*

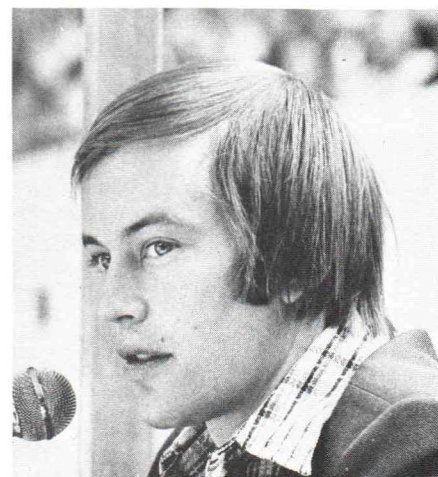
THIRD YEAR handling commentary on Roadrunner broadcasts ... teams well with Daggett on broadcasts ... has excellent hockey background, including hockey scholarship from Providence (R.I.) College, playing four years and earning B.A. in economics ... owner of hockey specialty retail business that bears his name ... still active on the ice in city league ... wife, Cathy, son Matthew and daughter Megan.



**FRANK ASBURY**

## *Roadrunner Wrap-up*

NEW TO THE Roadrunners this season is 10-year broadcast veteran Frank Asbury ... sports director of KRUX, Glendale, primary carrier of all Roadrunner games ... will conduct player interviews immediately following all home games ... a native Phoenician, Asbury attended West Phoenix H.S., thence to U.S.C. and A.S.U. from 1955 to 1958 studying broadcast-journalism ... before joining KRUX this past summer, was associated with KOY ... other broadcasting stints found him working in Houston and Albuquerque ... lists outside interests as golf, tennis and flying, holding a private license ... he and his wife Sally have daughter, Shannon.



**DAVE TUNELL**

## *Public Address*

THOROUGHLY PROFESSIONAL Dave Tunell is in his fourth year at the Coliseum microphone when the Roadrunners are playing ... keeps emotions at an even keel and does not permit the fact that he is ardent Roadrunner fan unduly flavor his announcements during games ... native of Plainfield, Illinois ... four years in Armed Forces TV ... arrived in Phoenix in 1971 ... attended Phoenix College ... currently is afternoon sports commentator at KTAR Action Sports ... also handled PA chores at Racquets matches past season ... avid golfer and tennis player.



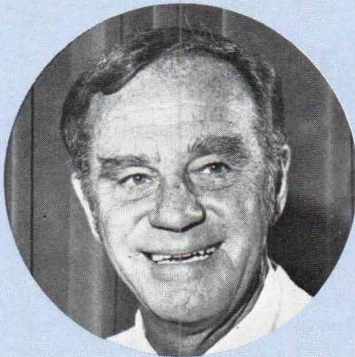
**GINNY REDFIELD**

## *Organist/Vocalist*

CONTRIBUTING GREATLY to overall enjoyment of Roadrunners games since 1971 has been Ginny Redfield ... born in Allentown, Pa., she received her education at the Overbrook School for the Blind ... for several years before performing at the Coliseum, Ginny sang and played the organ professionally at supper clubs and lounges in Pennsylvania and Phoenix ... listening to the play-by-play on the radio, she keeps abreast of the action and says modestly, but proudly, "I believe I am the only blind organist playing at major league sports events" ... she and her husband Chuck have two children, Holly, 19 and Chris, 16.



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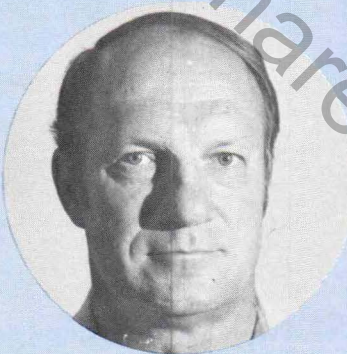
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FOLLOWING TONIGHT'S GAME the Roadrunners have three days of practice before facing the physically rough and tough Indianapolis Racers again, and then a short day off before meeting the Houston Aeros in another return engagement.

The Racers, of course, were here last Wednesday in a punishing duel. Newcomer Kim Clackson, out to make a name for himself quickly is doing just that in the penalty department and at his current pace would log over 600 minutes in the penalty box — the equivalent of 10 games if you want to break it down like that. Even half of that figure would smash the current WHA PIM record to smithereens.

With several others who throw their weight around, the Racers this year are a far cry from the patsies of the Eastern Division last season, the club that won just four road games and a total of 15 games all season. Coach Jacques Demers has molded a group of castoffs into a competitive, disciplined club that can battle anyone in the league on even terms. What is surprising is that he's done it in such a short period of time. Just 11 players on this current club are returnees from last season; just five, including goalie Andy Brown, were with Indy last season at this time. Brown, of course, is having an excellent campaign and ranks this week among the top goalies in the WHA. His backup, Leif Holmquist, former Swedish National star, has an even better record than Brown but is not listed solely because he hasn't logged enough playing time.

After Thursday's action vs.

Indianapolis the Runners host the Houston Aeros again, the first time since the 6-5 overtime victory last weekend, the match that saw Del Hall explode the game-winner past goalie Wayne Rutledge at 42-seconds of the extra session. One difference, however, next Saturday. When the Aeros take the ice, two familiar

numbers will be present — 29 and 9. The former belongs to All-star goalie Ron Grahame; the latter to one Gordie Howe. Both were idled by short WHA suspensions last weekend. They'll be out to try to turn the tables.

We suggest getting your tickets early for both games.



*In action last year, Cam Connor is sandwiched between Racers Ron Buchanan (9) and Ken Block during 5-3 Phoenix victory late in season. Below, Gary Kurt, who had tremendous success against Racers, posting perfect 4-0-0 record, including pair of shutouts, comes up with another stop in Indy threat, with assistance from Jim Niekamp.*



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	GP	W	L	T	Pts.	GF	GA	Pct.
Quebec .....	78	46	32	0	92	331	299	.590
Toronto .....	78	43	33	2	88	349	304	.564
Winnipeg .....	78	38	35	5	81	322	293	.519
Vancouver .....	78	37	39	2	76	256	270	.487
Edmonton .....	78	36	38	4	76	279	279	.487

### EASTERN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	Pts.	GF	GA	Pct.
New England .....	78	43	30	5	91	274	279	.583
Cleveland .....	78	35	40	3	73	236	258	.468
Chicago .....	78	30	47	1	61	261	312	.391
Indianapolis .....	78	18	57	3	39	216	338	.250

### WESTERN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	Pts.	GF	GA	Pct.
Houston .....	78	53	25	0	106	369	247	.679
San Diego .....	78	43	31	4	90	326	268	.577
Minnesota .....	78	42	33	3	87	308	279	.558
Phoenix .....	78	39	31	8	86	300	265	.551
Baltimore .....	78	21	53	4	46	205	341	.295

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## 1974-75 TOP 40 SCORING LEADERS

\*Indicates Rookie (having participated in fewer than 16 major league games).

	GP	G	A	TP	Pim
1. Lacroix, SD	78	41	106	147	63
2. Hull, Wpg	78	77	65	142	41
3. Bernier, Que	76	54	68	122	75
4. Nilsson, Wpg*	78	26	94	120	79
5. Lund, Hou	78	33	75	108	68
6. Rivers, SD	78	54	53	107	52
7. Hedberg, Wpg*	65	53	47	100	45
8. G. Howe, Hou	75	34	65	99	84
9. Dillon, Tor	77	29	66	95	22
10. Walton, Minn	75	48	45	93	33
11. Houle, Que	64	40	52	92	37
12. Tardif, Mich-Que	76	50	39	89	79
13. Hinse, Hou	75	39	47	86	12
14. Sentes, SD	74	44	41	85	52
15. Hughes, Hou	76	48	35	83	35
15. Rogers, Edm*	78	35	48	83	2
17. Mahovlich, Tor	73	38	44	82	27
18. Nedomansky, Tor*	78	41	40	81	19
18. Morrison, SD	78	20	61	81	143
20. Simpson, Tor	70	52	28	80	48
21. Peacosh, SD	78	43	36	79	22
22. MacGregor, Chi*	78	44	34	78	26
23. Harris, Phx-Van	79	33	44	77	54
23. Sobchuk, Phx*	78	32	45	77	36
25. Mark Howe, Hou	74	36	40	76	30
25. Lawson, Van	78	33	43	76	19
27. Cormier, Phx*	78	36	38	74	26
27. Carleton, NE	73	35	39	74	50
27. Parizeau, Que	78	28	46	74	69
27. Palement, Chi	78	26	48	74	97
27. Addouno, SD*	78	15	59	74	23
32. Kirk, Tor	78	15	58	73	69
33. Tremblay, Que	68	16	56	72	18
34. Connelly, Minn	76	38	33	71	16
35. Boyd, Phx*	76	26	44	70	18
36. Ferguson, SD	78	36	33	69	6
37. Gray, Phx*	75	35	33	68	107
37. Hickey, Tor	74	34	34	68	50
37. Ftorek, Phx*	53	31	37	68	29
40. Huck, Minn	78	22	45	67	26

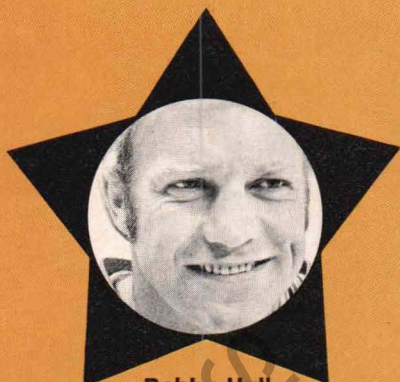
## TOP TEN GOALTENDERS

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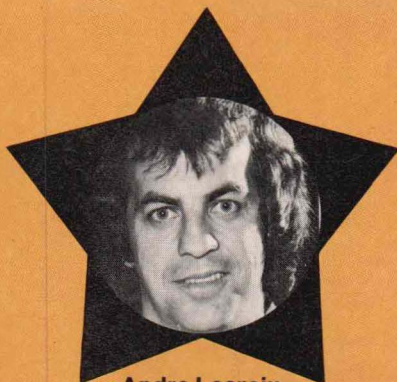
	Gms.	Min.	Ga.	Avg.	W-L-T
1. Grahame, Hou*	43	2590	131	3.03	33-10-0
2. Rutledge, Hou	35	2092	113	3.24	20-15-0
3. Wakely, SD	41	2418	131	3.25	23-15-2
4. Cheevers, Clev	52	3076	167	3.26	26-24-2
5. Norris, Phx	33	1962	107	3.27	14-15-4
6. Garrett, Minn	58	3294	180	3.28	30-23-2
7. Kurt, Phx	47	2841	156	3.29	25-16-4
8. McLeod, Van	71	4124	230	3.35	32-35-2
9. Smith, NE	59	3494	202	3.47	33-21-4
10. Daley, Wpg	51	2902	175	3.62	23-21-4



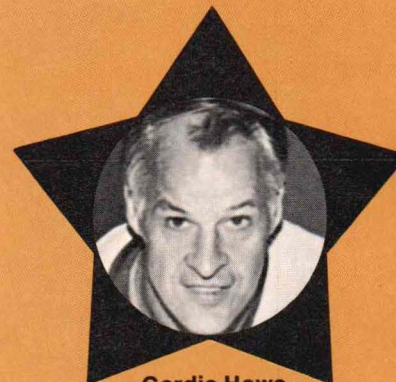
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**Bobby Hull**  
Winnipeg  
Left Wing

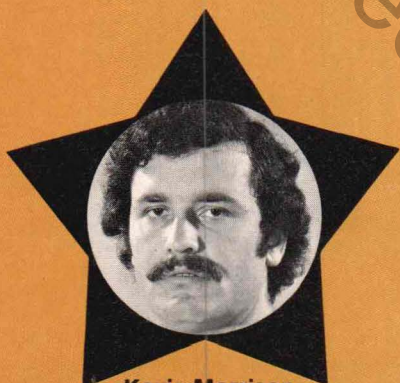


**Andre Lacroix**  
San Diego  
Center

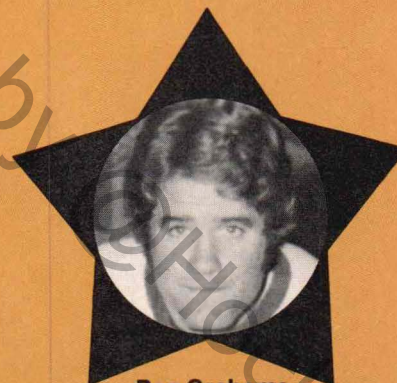


**Gordie Howe**  
Houston  
Right Wing

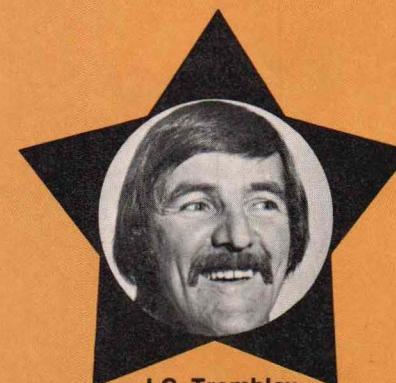
## FIRST TEAM



**Kevin Morrison**  
San Diego  
Left Defense



**Ron Grahame**  
Houston  
Goalie



**J.C. Tremblay**  
Quebec  
Right Defense

## SECOND TEAM

Gerry Cheevers — Cleveland	Goal
Poul Popiel — Houston	Defense
Barry Long — Edmonton	Defense
Serge Bernier — Quebec	Center
Marc Tardif — Quebec	Left Wing
Anders Hedberg — Winnipeg	Right Wing

## THIRD TEAM

Don McLeod — Vancouver	Goal
John Schella — Houston	Defense
Lars-Eric Sjoberg — Winnipeg	Defense
Ulf Nilsson — Winnipeg	Center
Andre Hinse — Houston	Left Wing
Wayne Rivers — San Diego	Right Wing



**Coach of Year**



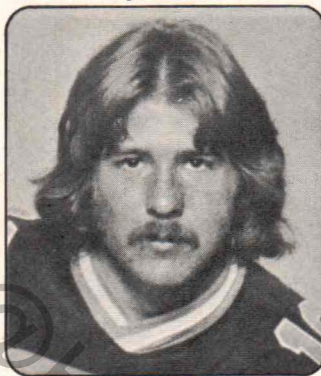
**Sandy Hucul**  
Phoenix

**Rookie of Year**



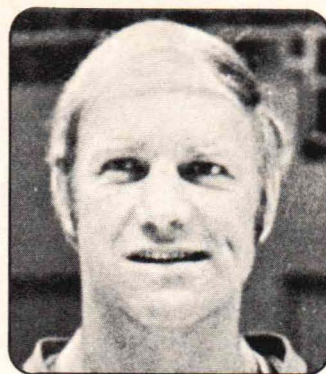
**Anders Hedberg**  
Winnipeg

**Most Sportsmanlike**



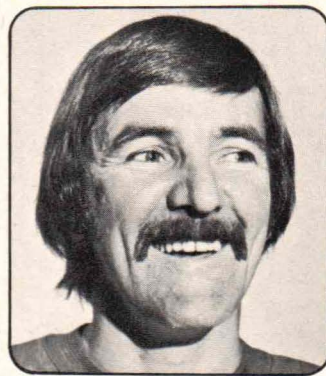
**Mike Rogers**  
Edmonton

**Most Valuable Player**



**Bobby Hull**  
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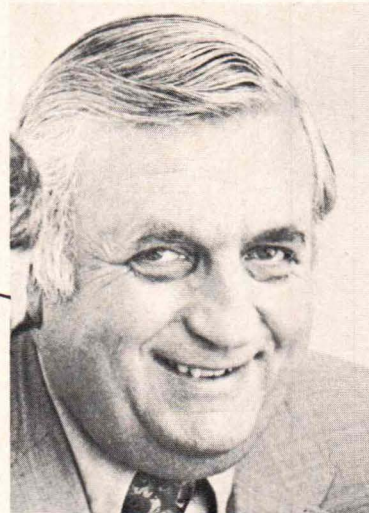


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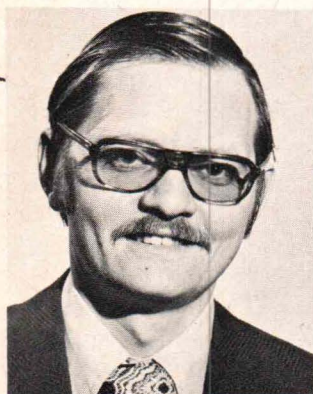
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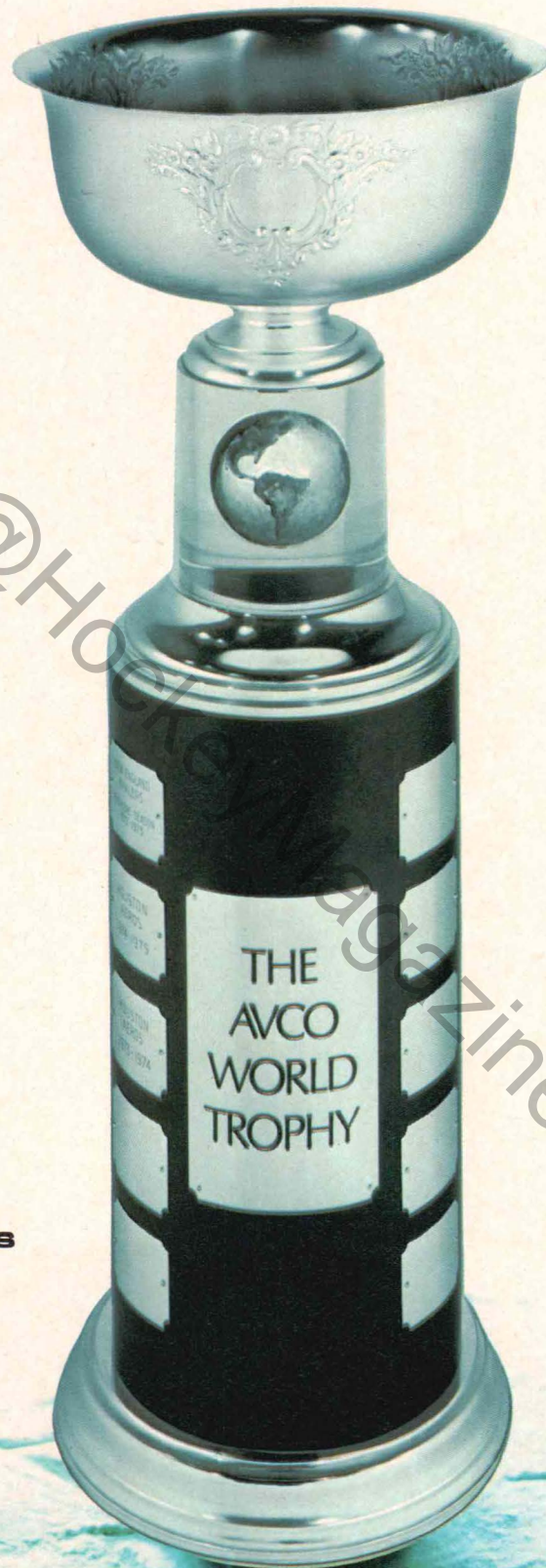
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- Series F: Quebec 4 — Minnesota 2
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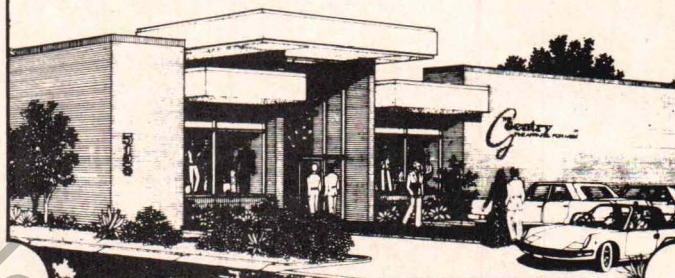
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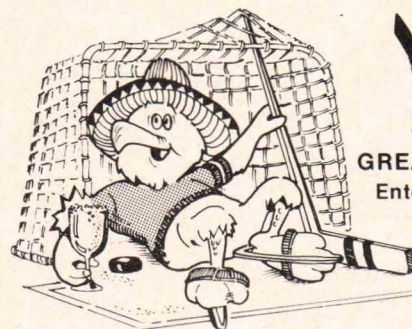
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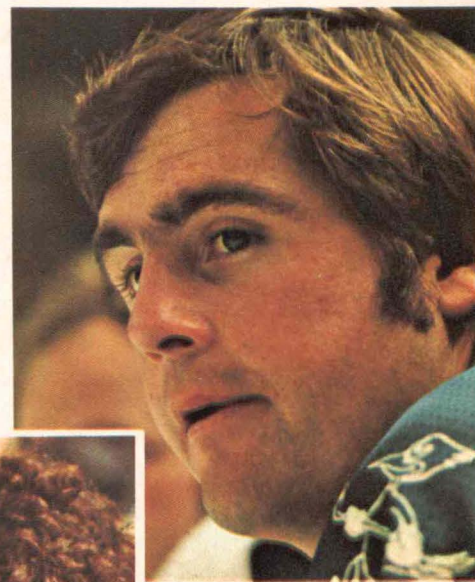
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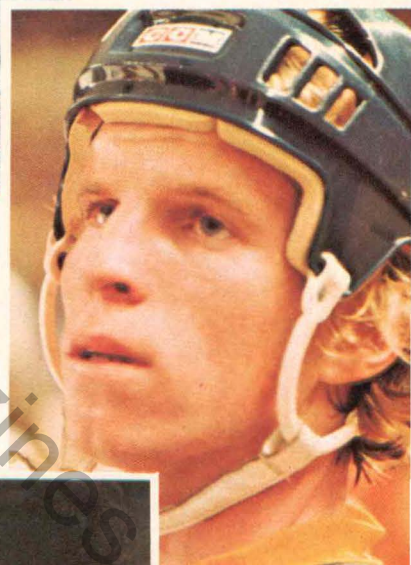
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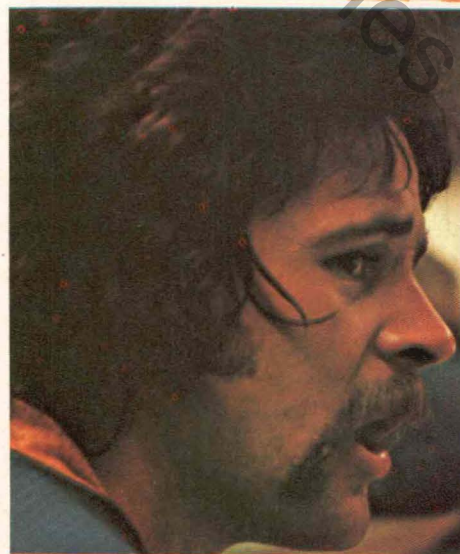
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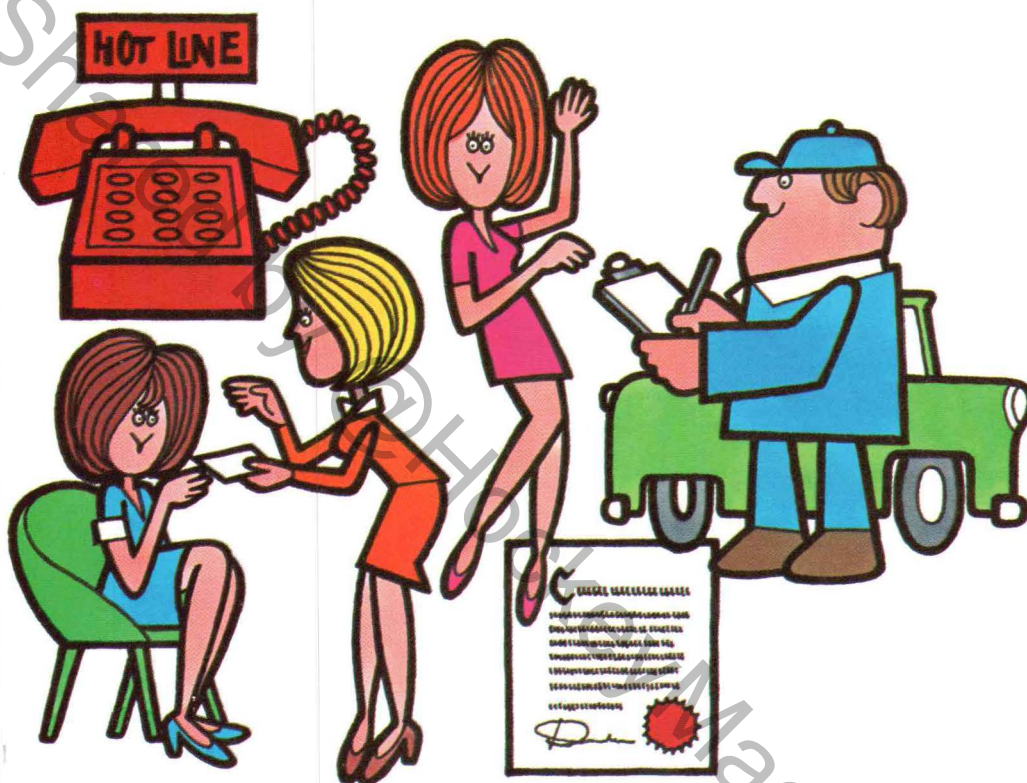
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